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POINT FOUR PACT SIGNED

Experts Will Be Sent Here

AID OF 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS PLANNED

NEW DELHI, December 28 (PTI). INDIA and the United States today signed a general Point-Four agreement in New Delhi.

The agreement sets forth the general conditions of co-operation, including both the provision of the services of U. S. experts and technological training of Indian nationals.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY MR. GIRJA SHANKAR BAJPAI, SECRETARY-GENERAL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY, ON BEHALF OF INDIA, AND MR. LOY HENDERSON, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AT DELHI, ON BEHALF OF AMERICA.

Out of a total sum of 34.5 million dollars voted by the U. S. Congress for expenditure under this plan, a sum of eleven million dollars is made available for bilateral aid to all countries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951. Out of this amount India would receive provisionally a sum of 1.2 million dollars.

The agreement is a basic one and individual agreements for specific projects would be made later on as and when necessary.

The agreement provides for the co-operation of the two Governments in the interchange of technical knowledge and skill and in related activities designed to contribute to that balanced and integrated development of the economic resources and productive capacities of India on which the Planning Commission is at work.

It further provides for endeavours to be made for the co-ordination and integration of technical co-operation programmes to be carried on in India. Such co-ordination and integration are being effected through the Economic Affairs Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India.

The employees of the Government of the United States of America assigned to duties in India in connection with the co-operation technical assistance programmes and projects would enjoy immunities from taxation and customs duties on lines similar to those enjoyed by experts from the United Nations specialized agencies.

Essential Purpose

The essential purpose of the programme is to provide such elements of American technical knowledge and experience as may be available and useful in contributing to the general economic development of countries interested in receiving such assistance.

The technical assistance that is to be made available under this programme would normally be in the nature of experts for particular projects and for training facilities in the United States of America for similar purposes. Costs would be shared in mutual consultation. Generally, the salaries and subsistence allowance of the experts would be met by the United States Government, while the local costs which would include items like office space, land, secretariat service and internal transportation would be met by the Government of India.

Similarly, the cost of training to be provided, including passages ex-India, would be met by the Government of the United States of America, while the local costs which would include the internal cost of transportation up to embarkation point and salaries payable in India would be met by the Government of India. The cost of ancillary equipment incidental to the demonstration of technical skill would be met by the U.S. Government.

Experts Already Here

The Government of India have already obtained from the Government of the United States of America some experts for agricultural projects: one for the Central Tractor Organization, another an agronomist and plant breeder; and the third for extension service.

The U. S. Government has also agreed to provide training facilities to two Government of India officers in agricultural extension methods.

The list of requirements in respect of experts to be obtained and facilities for training have already been prepared and are likely to be sent to the American Government shortly.

These requests are directed towards obtaining such technical skill as is not available in India for projects of the Government of India already in execution and cover mainly development schemes of agriculture, multi-purpose projects, communications, and education and health programmes.

After Iran And Ceylon

India is the third country in Asia which will participate in the United States programme of technical assistance. Iran and Ceylon are the two other countries that have already entered into similar agreements with the United States.

Since the authorization of the Point Four programme by the United States Congress last June, five specific projects for India have already been approved. Three of these projects are already under way. Two are agricultural projects, while the third is in the field of child welfare; two other projects approved but not yet under way, call for sending three United States geologists to India for the development of ground water and mineral resources.

Among those present at the Indian External Affairs Ministry this evening when the agreement was signed were Messrs. Llyod Steer, Minister, and Mr. Henry Deimel, Counsellor for Economic Affairs in the United States Embassy, and Mr. K. G. Ambegaokar, Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs in the Finance Ministry.

(Read text of agreement on Page 5)

Hotel Workers Dismissed

40 Ejected From Quarters

BOMBAY, Thursday: About 1,800 striking hotel workers of Bombay were thrown out of employment at 6 a.m. today, on the expiry of the dismissal notices served on them by the Hotel and Restaurant Association. The affected hotels are working with substitute hands.

Nearly 40 workers of the Astoria Hotel were forcibly ejected from their quarters at the hotel by the managements with police aid, a spokesman of the Hotel Kamgar Union stated today. The houseless workers are being temporarily accommodated in the Union office at Kennedy Bridge, he said.

Meanwhile, picketing of the hotels continues.

Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Managing Director of the Indian Hotels Company, Limited, will hold a press conference tomorrow evening when he will explain the standpoint of the management.

Dalai Lama On Way To India

Escorted By 600 Soldiers

GANGTOK, Dec. 28 (UPI): The Dalai Lama, ruler of Tibet, arrived in Gyantse today and after a brief halt there left for Phari 'en route' to India.

The Dalai Lama, who is being escorted by 600 Tibetan soldiers, has also in his party thirty to thirty-three Tibetan officials of very high rank.

Brisk preparations are being made at Phari to receive the Dalai Lama. The Sedu-Chholing Monastery has been fixed for his accommodation. A number of residential houses at Phari are also being requisitioned for accommodating the officers and men accompanying the Lama.

The Dalai Lama's mother, who is reported to be moving ahead of the Dalai Lama has already reached Samoda, according to a report received here. She is also being followed by a long train. If she does not wait for the Dalai Lama, in the way, she may be expected to be at Gangtok by January 1 or 2.

Long-Range Fraud

JALPAIGURI, Dec. 28 (UPI): A novel case of fraud, involving about Rs. 60,000, is reported to have been perpetrated here by a person who introduced himself as a refugee and leapt into wealth and fame in business.

He arrived here some six months ago and started business in textile and other consumer goods, as a refugee from Barisal. He offered his goods at unusually low rates.

Asked by other traders how he could afford to sell so cheap, he replied that he smuggled these goods, which came from Pakistan. He was, therefore, given about Rs. 60,000 by different traders for procuring goods in a similar manner on their behalf.

Since then his whereabouts are unknown.

He has left his wife behind, a refugee whom he married here a few months ago, with much pomp and ceremony.

Nehru To Broadcast

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (UPI): The Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru will broadcast from the All India Radio his New Year message to the nation at 8-30 p.m. on December 31.

The Land Customs staff at Karimganj searched on Wednesday the nouses of Shibnarain Munra at Lalabazar and of Nalini Kanta Das at Hailakandi and seized a huge quantity of betel nuts imported from Pakistan without licence.

IMMERSION OF ASHES TODAY

Thousands Pay Last Homage To Sardar

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28. (PTI & UPI) The pressurised plane which in his lifetime had carried Sardar Patel on official visits to many parts of the country, today carried the urn containing his ashes from Ahmedabad to Delhi.

The urn was kept at Rajghat in front of Mahatma Gandhi's samadhi till dusk today when thousands of people paid their last homage to the departed leader. Mr. Nehru laid a wreath on the urn. Col. B. Chatterji, Military Secretary to the President, laid a wreath on behalf of the President. At 5-15 p.m. a special prayer was held in front of the urn and later it was taken to No. 1, Aurangzeb Road, where Sardar Patel used to stay.

The 'asthi' of the Sardar will be immersed in Trivani at Allahabad tomorrow.

In Delhi, to observe the day, a programme has been chalked out by Delhi Provincial Congress Committee.

AIR PROGRAMME

All-India Radio, Allahabad will broadcast tomorrow running commentary on the immersion ceremony of the late Sardar Patel's ashes in "Sangham" at Allahabad, it was announced here.

The commentary, which will be alternately in Hindi and English from 10 a.m. will be relayed by all regional stations.

SIMLA: The Punjab Government has declared a public holiday in the State tomorrow on account of the immersion ceremony.

AHMEDABAD: The Executive Committee of the Gujerat Congress Committee decided today to raise a suitable memoral for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It appointed a Committee with Mr. Kanniyalal Desai, President of the G. C. C. as chairman for the purpose.

Magnificent Opportunity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UPI): Mr. Henry G. Bennett head of the U S Point-Four Programme, commenting on the agreement with India, said it "creates a magnificent opportunity for two great nations to work together for their mutual progress and well-being. The Point-Four method of technical co-operation is the best, the most realistic and the most practical way of bringing our two peoples closer together in growing understanding and respect. We are working with the Government of India to get a concrete, well-rounded programme under way as quickly as possible."

Australian Wheat For Bombay

ERNAKULAM, Dec 28 (PTI): A ship carrying 8,635 tons of wheat from Australia arrived at the Cochin port yesterday. She will discharge 5,000 tons here for the Travancore-Cochin State. The balance has been earmarked for Bombay.

STATE BANQUET AT NEW DELHI

A State Banquet was held in Govern ment House, New Delhi, on December 26 in honour of the Right Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minis ter. A view of the Banquet: (Left to Right) Mrs. Novikov, wife of the Russian Ambassador to India; Mr. Menzies; Mrs. Indira Gandhi; H. H. Prince de Ligne, the Belgian Ambassador to India and Lady Nye, wife of the U.K. High Commissioner to India.

Penicillin Factory In India

DELHI CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ISSUE

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28: The future set up of the penicillin factory may be determined on first January when a conference under the chairmanship of the Prime Miniser is due to meet here.

The Government, it may be recalled, had set up a small committee of management for the factory with Mr. Naval Wadia as its chairman. Since then the World Health Organisation has offered a loan of one million dollars to secure financial tie-up with the enterprise. Under the terms of the agreement India would be required to donate penicillin and other sulpha drugs worth an equal amount for children in other Asian countries.

The issue for decision is whether Government of India would run the enterprise on commercial lines and thereby cheapen the product or tie up with an international organisation and allow its factory to be regulated from Geneva.

Rajasthan Cabinet Reshuffle

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28: The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Hiralal Shastri, has been here discussing the question of reshuffling his cabinet with the States Ministry. He had interviews with the Prime Minister and the States Minister, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, today in this connection. An early decision is expected.

Parallel Crossed In Great Force

JET FIGHTERS CLASH

General Mass Offensive Is Expected Soon

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

CHINESE forces were reported today to have crossed the 38th parallel with strong elements in the Kaesong area, a few miles south of the line and 35 miles above Seoul, the southern capital.

The ingelligence officers on General MacArthur's staff said they did not expect a large-scale attack to develop before New Year's Day.

Chinese troops concentrated in the area of the parallel are estimated to total 170,000 men.

The United States Eighth Army is braced for battle.

Intelligence officers estimated that about 150,000 Chinese and North Koreans would be in position to throw themselves against the Allied lines between January 1 and January 10. Limited attacks could be launched at any time.

REINFORCEMENTS

The Chinese who have been regrouping north of the parallel since they called off their offensive four weeks ago could then be reinforced by another 100,000 to 150,000 troops released by the United Nations evacuation of the north-east. An attack could also be supposed by the Chinese Air Force, it was added.

General MacArthur claimed today that two-fifths of China's entire military structure—the third and fourth field armies—were now deployed against the United Nations.

His headquarters issued figures showing that the Communists could now have 600,000 men under arms in Korea.

Intelligence officers here quoted usually reliable sources as saying that the Chinese war budget for next year had been tripled and that Peking had approved expenditure of 2,857 million sterling.

The United Nations forces holding the defence line across the peninsula had now been strengthened by 100,000 men of the Tenth Corps evacuated from Hungman and were understood to total 220,000 men.

AIR BATTLES

Another incident in the Communist attempt to upset the Allied air supremacy took place today when a greatly superior force of enemy jet fighters clashed with American planes. Two Communist planes were claimed shot down and a third damaged in two engagements.

American Sabre and Sooting Star jet planes had two clashes with a total of 34 Russian type jets over North Korea yesterday without receiving any damage.

North Koreans claimed today that they had shot down 48 United Nations planes between November 16 and December 17, two of them American B-29 bombers.

Nearly 1,000 enemy troops casualties were claimed by the United States Far East Air Force in 717 sorties yesterday.

WU FOR PEKING

MOSCOW: Communist China's delegation to the United Nations left by a Trans-Siberian train for Peking today.

The delegation headed by General Wu Hsiu-chuan arrived here last Saturday from Prague.

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, presiding over the Sociological Conference of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan in Kotah said that social sciences should be taught as independent subjects in all the Universities of India.

KIDNAPPING SCARE IN CITY

Parents Crowd Schools To Take Away Children

BOMBAY, Thursday: Several municipal and private schools in North Bombay hurriedly shuttered their doors, as wild rumours of kidnapping of school-going children gained rapid currency today.

The schools were forced to cut short the sessions in the afternoon when panicky parents crowded their premises to rush back their children home. The rumour spread from Mahim to Parel and the most scared areas were Dadar, Shivaji Park, Kumbharwada, Prabhadevi and Parel.

Enquiries with the police elicited the information that there has not been a single case of kidnapping and that the unfounded rumours were spread by mischief-makers.

Only last week a similar scare started in the suburbs of the city, creating panic among children and their parents.

PRESS NOTE

A press note issued by the Director of Publicity, Bombay, stated that on a careful check-up, it is found that there is no truth whatever in this rumour and not a single incident of any kidnapping has been reported to the police.

However, an incident of confidence trick occurred on December 27, when an unknown person took three children from Mahim Fair to a nearby jeweller's shop, purchased two gold rings and left the children in the shop, saying that he would return with money. He did not return and the children were restored to the parents by the police".

"The public are advised not to believe in the rumour of child kidnapping at all and not to give it any currency", the press note adds.

NIGERIA NOT READY FOR REVOLUTION

Nationalist Leader Retires

LAGOS (Nigeria), Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): Doctor Namadi Azikiwe, Nigerian nationalist leader, said today he had announced his retirement from politics because Nigeria was not ready for revolutionary action.

Doctor Azikiwe announced on December 16 that he was retiring from politics for five years.

He said: "I believe that this country can become free if our people would tread the historic way trodden by China, India, Burma, Egypt and Indonesia.

"But it is obvious that our people are not ready and I must not impose upon unready people.

"I am leaving but I shall return when my people are ready, that is if they need me by then."

POLICE OPEN FIRE ON CROWD IN KHATMANDU

Six Killed, Many Injured

PATNA, December 28. (PTI)

SIX persons were killed and many others injured when the police opened fire on demonstrators in Khatmandu yesterday afternoon, according to reliable reports reaching here today.

The reports added that Khatmandu had been disturbed since Monday last following the lathi-charge on the funeral procession of a Nepali Congress worker who had died as a result of lathi injuries sustained on Sunday.

Yesterday afternoon, the reports said a large crowd of demonstrators was fired upon by the police when it tried to break open the Khatmandu Jail gates to free the Nepali Congress workers detained there. As a result of the firing, the reports added, six persons lost their lives and many others were injured.

The reports further said that the demonstrators who then marched to Singha Durbar, palace of the Prime Minister, were again fired upon by the police and an unknown number of persons were injured.

Khatmandu is now under curfew and commodities coming from villages, like vegetables, are not available in the market, the reports added.

About two hundred state troops have clashed with Nepali Congress forces near Bhojpur, about fifty miles north of Biratnagar, according to a Nepali Congress report received here tonight.

The state troops, who are believed to have been sent from Udaipur Garhi, about forty miles south-west of Bhojpur, were beaten back, the reports claimed.

CONGRESS CLAIM

LUCKNOW: Nepal Congress sources here claimed today that Nepali Congress volunteers captured on Tuesday Koliabasa, a business town in the Nepapgun district of West Nepal.

The report added that there was no loss of life and that some arms and ammunition were seized by the volunteers.

Bachelors between 17 and 23 will be the first to be called up under the new direction of Man-power Ordinance, Mr. Foste Sutton, the Director of Manpower Organisation stated in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

Mr. Nehru opened the 11th annual session of the Indian Chemical Manufacturers Association in New Delhi on December 26. The photo shows the Prime Minister of India addressing the gathering.

FRENCH FORCES FLEE FROM ANOTHER FORT

SAIGON, December 28 (PTI-Reuter).

FRENCH Union forces have evacuated Binhlieu, one of their last outposts near the China border, French Army officials announced here today. The post is 12 miles north of the French stronghold of Tienyen on the Tongking coast.

Most of the Binhlieu garrison succeeded in joining up with a relief column sent to help them. They said they had a "sharp and unequal" fight with Viet Minh guerillas.

French forces have also evacuated the Chauson defence post on the north-east sector of the Tonking front.

Beleaguered Binhlieu, about five miles from the Chinese frontier, had been under constant attack for four days.

Munitions were parachuted to the garrison two days ago.

Four or five Viet Minh battalions were reported to have been concentrated in the triangle formed by Binhlieu, Tienyen, and Moncay, on the coast.

HANOI: French patrols and Viet Minh troops clashed heavily last night near Lienson, 28 miles north of Hanoi a French Army communique reported today.

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IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1951, that day being a Public Holiday (NEW YEAR) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

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THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC is hereby informed that on and from January 2, 1951, TRANSFER TICKETS over Bombay's entire tramway system will be ABOLISHED and only direct tickets will be issued at the uniform fare of one anna for any distance however long.

The fare for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years will be half-anna for all distances.

The Special Half-anna Adult Fare for journeys betwen

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(b) Gowalia Tank and Grant Road

will continue as at present.

Passengers are requested to board cars only after ascertaining whether they are proceeding direct to their destination so that they may take advantage of the flat fare of one anna.

The following new direct routes have been introduced for the convenience of passengers consequent on the abolition of transfer tickets:—

(a) Service No. 1 from King's Circle to Museum.
(b) Service No. 6 from King's Circle to Sassoon Dock.
(c) Service No. 9 from Parel to Cruickshank Road.
(d) Service No. 16 from Gowalia Tank to Sassoon Dock.
(e) Service No. 19 from Sandhurst Bridge to Museum.
(f) Service No. 22 from Tank Bunder to Museum.

Direct services have thus been provided for one anna fare over longer distances, thereby reducing the occasions for transfer from one tram to another.

Service No. 10 will run at top speed with effect from 1st January, 1951, and within a few months all tram services will run at maximum speeds.

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TRAFFIC MANAGER.

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AUCTION SALES

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Acute Shortage Of Capital And Consumer Goods Likely

IMPORTERS' PLEA FOR ADJUSTING POLICY TO WORLD SITUATION

BOMBAY, Thursday.

INDIA is likely to be in the grip of an acute shortage of capital, consumer and raw material goods in the foreseeable future and consequently, a heavy spiral of inflation if the present import policy of the Government of India is not adjusted to the international situation.

This is the view expressed by a representative section of importers in Bombay following the policy statement made by the Government of India on import trade control for the first half year of 1950. This section appears to hold the view that the Government of India's statement has ignored the repercussions that Korean War has caused on the prices of commodities, capital and raw material goods the world over. The trend of overseas prices of all essential goods since the commencement of the Korean War, it is stated, has risen by 50 per cent or even more, with the result that the quota holders, whose monetary ceilings have not been raised, will now obtain only two-thirds of the goods in terms of quantity as compared with previous years.

MAKE MORE ALLOCATIONS

Unless more allocations are made in terms of monetary ceilings with a view to meeting higher prices overseas which are the off-shoot of the Korean War, it is stated, India will receive about half of the goods she imported in the previous year for the same amount, and this may ultimately leave a trail of scarcity, hoarding and inflation.

In this connection, it is pointed out that export licences are granted in terms of quantities or goods where the monetary value increases automatically as the export and the world market prices show an upward tendency, whereas import licences are granted in terms of monetary ceiling with the result that the volume of goods decline if the overseas prices increase.

It is, therefore, emphasised that unless the Government of India recognise this important point, namely, that an upward swing of prices dominating the foreign markets will play a vital part in respect of imports into the country of various goods in the next year, and hasten to rectify the error by granting additional monetary quotas, India is likely to face great economic difficulties.

NEED FOR MAXIMUM IMPORT

It is further surmised that although under more normal conditions, a favourable trade balance is desirable, in the present abnormal situation, when there is a world-wide scramble for essential goods due to the shadow of war creeping across both the hemispheres and a colossal stock-piling programme launched by the U.S.A., such a favourable balance of trade as the Government of India purports to maintain should be avoided and the maximum quantity of essential goods imported to enable the country to be ready for any contingency that might arise suddenly.

The importers here further maintain that the import policy should be frequently reviewed and liberalised, failing which amounts of foreign funds will be accumulated and their value very rapidly lost as world-wide inflation progresses, and India may not be able to buy much capital or consumer goods as she can buy now with the same amount, due to rearmament programme being launched in various overseas countries.

COMMERCIAL ART EXHIBITION

The second annual exhibition of the Commercial Artists' Guild Bombay Centre, will be held on February 18, 1951 and will be open till February 28.

It is decided to exclude routine type of exhibits and lay greater emphasis on high quality work. To achieve this end, it has been decided to give awards on the best work done during the year. That is to say that the main part of the exhibition will consist of what are considered to be the best exhibits of the year in the various sections, such as press posters; posters; show cards; hoarding designs; cinema slide designs; letter heads; labels; cartons; display materials; folders; booklets; blotters and others.

The next important section in the exhibition is the sales organisation of individual exhibits. There is no limit or restriction here, the only emphasis being attractiveness and utility. There are other sections for artists who specialise in designs for jewellery silk screens, textile, handicrafts and toys, designs for type faces in Hindi, Gujerati, Marathi, photographs for commercial publicity and posters on a variety of subjects affecting life and social welfare.

A special section is provided for students. There will be special stalls for display of specimens for art studios, advertising agencies, printers and blockmakers. A section with an educative aspect is to be introduced at this exhibition for packing materials and package designs.

The last day for receiving Exhibits is January 20, 1951. An illustrated handbook containing the best examples of work will be published as was done at the first exhibition.

Industrial Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Pioneer Chromate Works, Limited, Bombay, and its workers has been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. K. C. Sen.

Preliminary arrangements to send one hundred East Bengal refugee families to the district of Nainital, in Uttar Pradesh, have been made by the West Bengal Government it is learnt.

MERCHANT ASKED TO BE RELEASED

Charge Of Habitual Blackmarketing

HYDERABAD, December 28 (PTI): Their Lordships Justice Sirpatrao Palnitkar and Justice Muhammed Ahmed Ansari today directed the immediate release of Santosh Singh a local merchant when a habeas corpus application filed on his behalf came up for hearing today. Singh was described by the prosecution as a "habitual and confirmed blackmarketeer".

The Division Bench in ordering the release of the detenu observed that the prosecution cannot exercise a choice for his detention "under the Preventive Detention Act and at the same time prosecute him in respect of the same offence before a lower court under the provisions of the constitution".

The Advocate-General earlier argued that the detenu was charged, convicted and sentenced on thirteen occasions previously and that the previous convictions and punishments imposed had not deterred him from continuing his "black marketing activities." It is essential that he is immobilised in some manner or other in the interest of maintenance of essential supplies in the city".

SUBEDAR ASKS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

Offences Committed In Course Of Duty

HYDERABAD, December 28 (PTI): Their Lordships Justice Sripatrao Palnitkar and Justice Rao Manohar Prasad of the Hyderabad High Court today reserved judgment after hearing concluding arguments from both sides in the application filed by Habeeb Muhammed (former Subedar of Warangal sentenced to death) for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of India.

Barrister Ataur Rahman, counsel for Habeeb Muhammed replying to some of the points of the Advocate-General said that "his client was deprived of the substance of a fair trial and that the prosecution supressed evidence".

The defence counsel also added that the alleged "offences were committed by his client in the lawful exercise of his official duties and that the learned judges have erred in assessing the burden of proof while dismissing the appeal."

The Advocate-General earlier quoted some law authorities in support of his arguments that there "were no grounds of granting leave to appeal to the Supreme Court as there had been no violation of natural principles of justice nor had the accused been denied an impartial trial.

ECAFE Conference On Flood Control

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (PTI): The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East is holding a technical conference on flood control in New Delhi from January 7 to 9, to discuss the methods of flood control and its allied problems, it is learned.

Delegates from member and associate member countries of the ECAFE region will attend the conference. The countries represented in the conference are Australia, Burma, China, France, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the USSR, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Cambodia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, the Indonesian Republic, Laos, Malaya British Borneo and Nepal are to participate in the conference as associate members of the ECAFE.

The conference will be inaugurated by the Minister for Works, Production and Supplies, Mr. N. V. Gadgil.

Supply Of Foodgrains In Rural Areas

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The policy of the Government of Bombay of providing deficit areas with foodgrains despite formidable difficulties was explained by Mr. V. L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, when he addressed the agriculturists of village Boriva in taluka Wai of Satara North District on December 26.

Wai taluka, for instance, was given ten times the quantity of foodgrains it produced, the Minister said. He complimented the agriculturists on contributing 1,253 bags of paddy on that day. He expected the agriculturists to derive the fullest benefits of minor irrigation schemes and other facilities provided by the Government for increasing food production.

The Minister assured the waevers that it would be possible for the Government to make available to them as much yarn as they needed probably by the end of the next month.

Village Improvement Prize

The village of Umran, in the Nawapur taluka of the W. Khandesh district, has been awarded the first district prize of Rs. 200 in recognition of the improvement work done by it during the year 1949.

Sir John Russel In Bombay

FAMOUS BRITISH SOIL SCIENTIST

BOMBAY, Thursday.

SIR JOHN RUSSEL, noted British soil scientist, arrived in Bombay this morning by the s.s. "SINTHIA" from the United Kingdom.

Sir John will tour India on the invitation of the Government of India, lecturing and discussing local agricultural problems with the authorities.

"I am very happy to be here," Sir John said. He said that he had been in India during 1936 when he had prepared and submitted a report to the then Government of India on India's agriculture.

He will visit various cities in the country during the tour.

Sir John Russel ranks as one of the world's foremost soil scientists, and an authority on agricultural science. He was knighted in 1922. A Fellow of the Royal Society, Sir John was the first agricultural scientist to become President of the British Association.

Sir John will proceed to New Delhi shortly where he will hold discussions with the officials of the Food and Agriculture Ministry of the Government of India.

"INDIA MIGHT SHAPE FUTURE OF MANKIND"

Menzies Pays Tribute

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

MR. R. G. MENZIES, the Australian Prime Minister, in a recorded broadcast speech through the All-India Radio, today said that in view of her geographical position, Australia had to feel the pressure of events, the currents of thought and action, in Asia.

Developments in the Indian subcontinent during the next few years might deeply and even vitally affect the future of mankind, he declared.

"It is because I feel these things to be true that I have visited India in advance of the conference, not to teach, but, for even a few days, to learn.

HISTORIC MEETING

"We are on the eve of a great and possibly historic meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. Such a conference of the political leaders of a dynamic association of free peoples would, at any time be significant. But today, with the world in turmoil, fear and suspicions on all sides, such a conference achieves additional point, substance and magnitude. It would not be wise for me on my way to this conference to seek nor anticipate what matters will be discussed, or to state in advance what views may be put forward on behalf of Australia. When national leaders meet in a spirit of friendship and with common ambitions for world peace and human progress, they come to the task with frank and open minds. Without preconception, without rigid ideas, without prejudice.

"But one thing I can say to you at this stage. It is this: We in Australia are a British national, the political masters of our own destiny, the free subjects of a constitutional King. You in India are a free people, your own political masters and, though a sovereign Republic, members of a Commonwealth of which the King is the head.

"We have similar ideas on the supremacy of the law. We have many of our legal institutions in common. In some vital respects, we are remarkably similar. Yet in racial structure, popular tradition, religion, we are, broadly speaking singularly different.

"Here is a danger for both of us. In these modern days, we are all a little disposed to think and speak so much of our own characteristics, our own independence, our own variations from others, that we quite easily tend to think that independence in law is independence in fact; that we can live to ourselves; that we can, so to speak, let the rest of the world go by. Yet the truth is that in the words of the Christian Bible 'we are all members one of another'.

NO PLACE FOR FATALISM

Mr Menzies said the world could be neither cured nor helped by fatalism. We all had the difficult task of preparing our weapons and instruments of war with a prayer that there would be no need to use them.

"India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Australia, all the nations of the Commonwealth, must fit themselves for a friendship based upon common interests and mutual understanding. We must learn to think together and to act together for world peace.

"Quite recently, under the Colombo Plan closely associated with the work of my colleague, Mr. Spender of Australia has been endeavouring to translate goodwill into practical terms of monetary and technical assistance. We are doing this because we have watched with sympathetic interest your own magnificent efforts to develop your institutions, your health and engineering services, your standards of living, your national unity. Let nobody suppose that British citizens like myself are critical or resentful of what you are doing. On the contrary, it is a source of decent pride for us to know that so many of the good foundations laid in India were laid in the same spirit and by the same hands as were the great legal and Governmental principles which underlie the national life of Australia.

"Our greetings and goodwill go with you in your great voyage of discovery".

'SOCIALIST MARCH' ON JANUARY 1

Plan For Workers' Procession

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Secretary of the Socialist Party (Bombay) writes:—Under the auspices of the Socialist Party (Bombay) 'Socialist March' is being organised on January 1, 1951, to proclaim that the beginning of the second half of this century is the beginning of the Socialist Era.

During this fortnight several meetings have been held in different wards of the City to mobilise the public opinion on the problems of unemployment, housing, food, civil liberties, international situation and such other problems on Socialist lines.

The "Socialist March" which will commence on 1st January, from Kamgar Maidan at 2 p.m. will witness the participation of thousands of working people drawn from the various sections of the community.

A number of motor trucks carrying huge paintings depicting pictorially the policy of the Socialist Party on a number of problems (e.g. Method of Socialist change, our picture of Socialism, War, unemployment, civil liberties etc.) will be the salient features of this huge procession.

The procession will proceed along Kamgar maidan, Lalbaug, Victoria Gardens, Byculla Bridge, Clare Road, Nagpada, J. J. Hospital, Bhendi Bazar, Mahommedali Road, Jumma Masjid, Princess Street, Bhuleshwar Road, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Charni Road, Girgaum, Opera House and will terminate in a rally at Chowpatty which will be addressed by Comrades Jayaprakash Narayan and Asoka Mehta.

Working Class Cost Of Living

BOMBAY, Thursday.

During November 1950, the Bombay Working Class Cost of Living index number, on base year ending June 1934 equal to 100, receded by seven points to 312, owing to a fall of 15 points in the food group.

During the same month, the Sholapur Working Class Cost of Living index number, on base year ending January 1928 equal to 100, receded by eight points to 283, mainly owing to a fall of 12 and 5 points in the food and the Fuel and Lighting groups, respectively.

Mahashivratri Festival Pilgrims To Note

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Intending pilgrims to the Mahashivratri Festival at Srisallam, in the Kurnool District of the Madras State, to be held in the first week of coming March, are advised to get themselves inoculated against cholera before starting on their pilgrimage and to carry with them the necessary inoculation certificates. In the absence of such inoculation certificates, they are likely to be put to unnecessary inconvenience at the pilgrim centre.

Gokak Taluka Market

The Gokak Taluka, of the Belgaum District, has been declared by the Government of Bombay as a market area for purposes of the Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, with effect from January 15, 1951, in respect of tur and safflower, in addition to gur, cotton (ginned and unginned) and groundnut (shelled and unshelled).

Foodgrain Levy In Satara

The villagers of Madha taluka of Satara North district contributed 1,419 bags of paddy on the 'Levy Day' celebrated on December 25.

At the 'Levy Day' celebrated at Barad earlier, the villagers contributed 250 bags of foodgrains. Mr. Malojirao Naik-Nimbalkar, Minister for Labour and Industries, speaking on the occasion asked the agriculturists to put in their best effort in a spirit of patriotism and increase the food supply. He also distributed prizes to those who had made the highest contribution to the levy collection.

P. T. In Agricultural High Schools

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has accepted the recommendation of the Agricultural Schools Committee that only one or two periods should be devoted to mass drill in Agricultural Vocational High Schools and the time thus saved should be devoted to other subjects. However, the actual quantum of reduction in these periods should be regulated in such a way that corporate social activities, like recreational team games or mass drill should not suffer in these schools, as compared with other types of schools in the State.

Bombay Chamber Of Commerce President

BOMBAY, Thursday: Mr. C. S. Pettit, Managing Director of Lever Brothers (India), has been elected President of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce for the year 1951-52. Mr. Pettit has been a member of the General Committee of the Chamber since 1949.

Four political parties have so far publicly expressed their decision to take part in the by-election to the Punjab Assembly from the general constituency.

Anti-T. B. Week In City

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An Anti-Tuberculosis Week is being organised in the city in the beginning of January next. The idea behind it is to create greater consciousness among the citizens about the enormous spread of this fell disease, and also to give a fillip to the Seals sale campaign.

The Week which is the first of its kind in the country and which is the work of the Bombay State Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be inaugurated by Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, at a function to be presided over by the Chief Minister Mr. B. G. Kher. Among the speakers will be His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. S. K. Patil and others. On the same night a special mass meeting will be addressed by Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, India Government's Labour Minister.

An elaborate programme has been chalked out for the occasion, which includes 'inter alia' a special film show of the new pictures relating to the arrest of the disease and a special exhibition to demonstrate how the infection spreads and how it could be checked. There will also be a Charity Tea Dance at the Taj on the evening of January 7. The proceeds from this will go to the T. B. Fund.

The three ministers of the Government of Bombay, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Dr. Jivraj Mehta and Mr. G. D. Vartak will also address public meetings at different places in the city. Special films on T.B., health and education will be shown at all these meetings. There will also be several special meetings for women organised by different women's organisations of the city.

Dr. Prasad To Unveil V.J. Patel's Statue

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The statue of the late Shri Vithalbhai J. Patel will be unveiled by President Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Chowpatty sands on the January 2nd 1951.

The urn containing the ashes of the late Shri Vithalbhai Patel was put into the pedestal this evening at 5-30 p.m. by his nephew Mr. Gordhanbhai I. Patel. Among those present were the Mayor of Bombay, Shri Nathalal Parikh, Shri K. K. Shah and Shri N. V. Modak, Special Engineer of the Bombay Municipality.

Health Of Bombay City During 51st Week

The mortality 647 was 2 less than in the preceding week and the death rate recorded was 22.6 on the census population of 1941 as against 658 deaths and the death rate 23.0 for the 51st week of 1949. The death rate calculated on the actual population (27,71,282) was 12.1. The average mortality for the corresponding week of the preceding quinquennium was 721 and the death rate 25.1. Out of the total deaths, 210 were among infants under one year of age.

Plague was absent during the week. Cholera caused one attack (imported from Trinivelli). Smallpox caused 16 attacks (including 7 cases from Bombay Suburbs and 1 imported from Bhabhol-U.P.) and 5 deaths. There were 21 attacks (including 3 cases from Bombay Suburbs and 2 imported one each from Vile-Parle and Hivre-District Satara) and 4 deaths from typhoid fever.

Live births registered during the week were 1,531, and the birth rate was 53.4 as against 1,449 and 50.6 the births and the birth rate respectively, for the 51st week of 1949. The birth rate calculated on the actual population (27,71,282) comes to 28.7. The average number of births registered during the 51st week of the quinquennium 1945—49 was 1,296.

Relief For Displaced Civic Employees

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Punjab has been giving interim relief to the displaced employees of the Local Bodies who have migrated from West Punjab. The relief if given in the form of an amount equivalent to 50 per cent of their provident funds which they have left in Pakistan. The displaced empoyees concerned are to apply in duplicate to the Officer on Special Duty, Local Government, Government of Punjab, Simla 2 (with another copy to the Deputy Commissioner of the district where payment is desired) giving the following information:

(i) Name (ii) Father's name (iii) Name of the Local Body from which the amount is claimed (iv) Details of the post held in West Punjab with the name of the Village Town or Tehsil (v) Number of the provident fund is known (vi) Serial number of the account if communicated by the Officer on Special Luty, Local Body Government, Simla 2 (vii) Name of the District Treasury in India where he would like to have the payment made and (viii) Present address.

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DISPOSALS

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Tenders in prescribed forms are invited for the purchase of the following stores:—

I. Tender No. DGD/CPM-5/SR-46973/16/Tender.

(i) Approx. 1710 numbers Generating Sets of various types, sizes and capacities located at No. 4, E.D., I.A.F. Station Manauri, Allahabad,

and

Approx. 354 Nos. Generating Sets at 2 E.D., I.A.F., Bombay.

(ii) Approx. 9,07,000 yds. Cables V.I.R. 250 Volts Single Core. .0015 sq. in. or .002 sq. inch (1/.044 or 3/.029) located at E.S.D. Panagarh.

(iii) Approx. 2,36,247 yds. Cables V.I.R. 250 Volts Single Core, .0015 sq. in. or .002 sq. inch (1/.044 or 3/.029) located at E.S.D. Avadi.

II. Tender No. DGD/SR-36928/29/MM H-12.

Approx. 142984 Nos. 4 Gallon Containers food, located at Ghee Heating Centre, Agra,

and

Approx. 82600 Nos. the same size at Ghee Heating Centre, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore.

There are separate tender forms for items I and II which should be submitted separately. Tender Forms containing details of stores, instructions to tenderers, conditions of sale, instructions for depositing the earnest money, inspection permit, tender opening date, etc., can be had from the Director General of Disposals, New Delhi, Regional Commissioners, Disposals, Calcutta and Kanpur, Director of Supplies and Disposals, Bombay, and Deputy Director of Supplies and Disposals, Madras, at Rs. 5/- per set for each tender in cash or by money order.

Tenders for I should be addressed to the Director General of Disposals, Capital, Plant and Machinery Directorate, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, and for II to the Director General of Disposals, Miscellaneous, Metals and Hardware Directorate, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, and reach him by 4 p.m. on 30th January, 1951.

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Ronald Colman in "Champagne For Caesar".

RONALD COLMAN SCORES IN SPARKLING COMEDY

"Champagne For Caesar"

"CHAMPAGNE For Caesar" is a rollicking, boisterous comedy, one of the best to come to town in a very long time. It opens this week at the New Empire Theatre as the New Year attraction. The star of the film is old trouper Ronald Colman, as debonair as ever, with a competent cast which includes Celeste Holm, Barbara Britton, Vincent Price and Art Linklater.

At times the comedy verges on pure slapstick. Vincent Price, who is cast as head of a soap empire, hams outrageously—and seems to love every moment of it—while Colman has some deliciously cardonic lines which he utters as only he can. Caesar is a parrot who enjoys tippling, a practice frowned on by his master.

Colman is seen as a quiz kid to beat all quiz kids. Starting with a sawbusk, he jacks the kitty up to 40,000,000 dollars! Some of the questions he has to answer are wonderful in their weirdness but Colman takes them all in his stride. In fact when Price sees his soap fortune winding up with Colman, he thinks that the best course is to provide him with a Delilah! Celeste Holm, who finds that the only thing Colman doesn't know is Einstein's Space Time Quantum.But alas, for the expected left down, he tackles even that!

See this very enjoyable firm. It is as sparkling as its title.

Mickey Mouse Club

The Regal cinema is founding a "Micky Mouse" club for children under 18. The club intens to provide first-rate entertainment to members, when films of particular interest to children will be shown. The club also intends to discover local talent and encourage it through tests conducted tarough the club. Members will be provided with a badge which Walt Disney has specially designed. On their birthdays members will receive greetings from Disney direct from Hollywood.

Further particulars about this novel Mickey Mouse club can be obtained from the manager of the Regal Cintma, who is in charge of enroling the members. Details of shows for the club will be announced from time to time.

Bob Hope is funny in "Fancy Pants".

FANCY PANTS HELD OVER

Bob Hope remains on at the Strand Theatre for yet another week in his tale of the West "Fancy Pants". The famous comedy star attempts to bring the benefits of etiquette to the wild and woolly west with positively hilarious results. Hope is aided and abetted in his antics by by lovely Lucille Ball.

Vice-Chancellors In Rangoon

RANGOON Dec. 28, (PTI): Fourteen Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities arrived here today for a three-day Inter-University Board meeting beginning tomorrow.

Representatives of Pakistan Universities are not attending.

The Burmese Education Minister U Than Aug, will preside at tomorrow's inaugural session.

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"BLACK ROSE" SCORES HIT

"The Black Rose" is held over. Which is not very surprising for the film has more than its need of pageantry and splendour. Tyrone Power has the role of a Marco Polo of sorts, who wanders with a caravan to the ancient land of Cathay, where Kublai Khan is busy decreeing himself a pleasure dome. At least it must be presumed he is, for he does not appear at all in the film, being represented by Orson Welles, who takes the part of one of his generals who knows and sees everything.

After a great many hectic adventures, Power lands in England just in time to enlighten Roger Bacon on the uses, or abuses, of gunpowder. There are anachronisms a-plenty in this picture but it must be said that of its kind it is outstanding. The lusty adventure and the colourful scenes outweigh any historical inaccuracies, and the film provides a pleasant couple of hours of escapist entertainment.

The stars are Power and Welles, while the feminine lead is taken by lovely newcomer Cecile Aubry. Though he has no great opportunities for histrionics, the first-named acquits himself well. Welles is as dependable as ever. Miss Aubry lets her beauty carry her role through. Technically the film is first rate. The music too, is good. "Black Rose" is showing at the Regal.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Vad 5, 2007
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 19, 1370
Parsi: Tir 28, 1320
Sunrise 7-11 a.m. Sunset 6-11 p.m.
Hightide 03-00, 14-57 Lowtide 09-10, 20-40.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY AKALI DAL: Arrival of and reception to Master Tara Singh at Bombay Central at 8-30 a.m.

MYSORE ASSOCIATION:—Govinda Pai, President, Kannada Sahitya Sammelan and others will visit Assn. at 7 p.m.

R. S. SAMAJ: Ramana Jayanti discourse by Swami Sambuddhananda at Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle at 8-30 p.m.

THEOSOPHISTS, UNITED LODGE: Study Class at premises, opp. Flora Fountain at 6-15 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: — Municipal Commissioner will meet elected Councillors of Ward 21 at DeLisle Road Junction at 8-30 a.m.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Meeting for Friday postponed to Tuesday.

B.P.C.C.: Mass meeting at Chaupatty regarding "Sardar Day" at 6 p.m.

MOURNING MEHERALLY: The Sheriff of Bombay has convened a meeting of the Citizens of Bombay to mourn the death of Com. Yusuf Meherally at Sunderbai Hall on 29th December, 1950, at 6 p.m. The Governor of Bombay will preside over the meeting and Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, Justice Chagla and Com. Asoka Mehta will address the meeting.

Sardar Day Programme

The following progarmme will be held under the auspices of the BPCC in observance of the 'Sardar Day' today (Friday): — 7-45 a.m. Prayers and Bhajans and 8 to 9 a.m. Mass Spinning at Congress House; 6 p.m. Public Prayer Meeting at Chowpatty. A Prayer Meeting will also be held at Kumbharwada under tht auspices of the 'C' Ward D.C.C. at 9 p.m. the same day.

Despatch Of Sea Mails

BOMBAY, Thursday: The next despatch of overseas mails from India for U.S.A., Canada, Trinidad and Demerara will be made from Bombay on January 1, 1951 by American President Line's s.s. "President Monroe".

Mails arriving in Bombay Foreign Post upto 6 p.m. on December 30, 1950 will be included in the despatch subject to limit of shipping space.

The United States Department of State is helping to train 22 members of the foreign offices of six newly-independent countries in Asia, according to USIS report. They are representatives of Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon the Republic of Indonesia, Israel, and Korea.

TODAY'S RADIO

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

NEWS BULLETINS

METRE BANDS: 7-30 a.m., 25, 31 and 41; 9-30 a.m. 19, 25; 11-30 a.m. 13 and 19; 12-30 p.m. 13 and 19; 4-30 p.m. 13 and 16; 6-30 p.m. 13 and 19; 9-30 p.m. 13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 08-00, 13-30, 18-00, 21-00; Hindi 08-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu 09-00; Punjabi 08-30, 20-15; Bengali 07-30 12-50, 19-30; Tamil 07-15 14-00, 19-15; Telugu 07-00, 5-30, 19-00; Kannada 07-45 19-45; Malayalam 07-30, 19-30; Marathi 08-30, 12-50, 20-00; Gujerati 08-45, 13-00, 20-15.

BOMBAY

244m.—07-40 Prog. 07-45 Hindi lessons 08-15 Sulochana Mhapsekar, todi 13-40 Chamber music 17-30 I. Khan, marwa 17-45 V. Bhatt, G songs 18-10 P. Ganu, dilruba 18-30 I. Khan, gorakh kalyani 19-00 V. Bhatt, G songs 19-10 Locals 19-30 Suhasini Joshi, puria dhanashree 19-45 For industrial workers 20-30 Letters' replies 20-45 'Asim' Randeri, poetry recitation 21-15 I. Khan, shahana kannada 21-30 B. Willey, history of science 21-50 Waltzes 22-00 H. Kingdom and his swing trio.

VARIATIONS: 07-30 Mangal prabhat 08-00 P. Ganu, dilruba 08-45 Suhasini Joshi, composition of R. Badhe 12-45 Tantrakari 13-00 M songs 13-50 K. bhavgeet 17-45 AIR artist, K songs 18-00 AIR artist, song from "Manapaman" 18-20 For villages in M, at 18-50 in K, 19-30 Commercial news 20-15 Hindi lessons, M 20-30 Literary review, M 20-45 Month's song, M 21-00 Raisinghani, H songs 21-30 "Pratishodh" a play 22-00 Sulochana Mhapsekar, maru bihag.

BARODA

250m.—08-15 M bhajans 08-30 K. L. Jadhav, l. kh. v.d. 18-20 D. D. Jethwa, geets 18-30 For rural listeners 19-00 Hindi lessons 19-15 P. Munshi, on census 19-30 For children, G 20-00 Film songs, G 20-10 Locals 20-30 Film songs 21-15 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD

326m.—08-15 O. S. Shah, cl. vocal 08-30 Geet Gurjari 18-20 As in Baroda 18-30 N. Kunchala, folksongs 18-45 K. S. A. S. Khan 19-00 Hindi lessons 19-15 As in Baroda 19-30 For industrial workers 20-00 Locals 20-05 Master Mukund, G geets 20-30 N. Kunchala, folksongs 20-45 O. S. Shah, cl. vocal 21-15 Y. Mehta, "Ranchhodlal" drama.

RADIO CEYLON

Friday 29th December 1950
19.84, 25.05, 41.72m.—7-15 a.m. It's a Good Day 7-30 BBC News 7-45 Star of Today 8-00 "Your Choice" Request Programme 9-00 River Bandit 9-30 Singing Cocktail 9-45 Rhythm with a Swing 10-00 Round-Up Time 10-15 Favourites in Reverse 10-30 Music 11-00 Hindi Programme 12-00 noon Music for Lunch 12-30 p.m. Much Binding in the Marsh 5-00 Hindi Programme 7-00 Dinner Music (Aperitif) 7-15 The Happy Gang 7-30 Fun with Music 7-45 Music from America 8-00 Opera for the People 8-30 Radio Journal 9-00 Dance Time 9-30 Dance Time 10-00 The Day is Ending.

LOCAL SHOWERS IN MADHYA PRADESH

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 28 (PTI): The following is the all-India weather summary for Thursday, December 28, 1950:—

There have been local showers in west Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Chota Nagpur. A few showers have also been reported from Vindhya Pradesh, east Madhya Pradesh and Travancore-Cochin.

Night temperatures have fallen appreciably in Madhya Bharat and west Madhya Pradesh and were 6 degrees to 12 degrees F. below normal in north west India, Madhya Bharat, Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING: There will be local thundershowers in Assam and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and a few thundershowers in Bihar, Chota Nagpur and the extreme south of the Peninsula.

Night temperatures will fall appreciably in Madhya Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, east Uttar Pradesh, north Hyderabad and north Deccan (Desh).

The following is the daily weather chart:

	Tem. Mx	Mn	24th	Rainfall S.O.1	Dfn
Ahmedabad	84	54	0	1.6	—1.9
Allahabad	69	53	0	0.8	—2.2
Bangalore	80	60	0	14.3	+5.3
Baroda	77	51	0	0	—2.6
Belgaum	85	57	0	8.4	+1.8
BOMBAY	80	62	0	1.4	+1.7
Calcutta	83	62	0	15.8	+10.3
Delhi	65	37	0	0	—0.9
Gwalior	64	41	0	1.1	—
Hyderabad (Dn.)	84	62	0	2.1	—1.8
Indore	68	44	0	0.1	—1.9
Jaipur	68	35	0	0	—0.9
Jabalpur	75	59	T	1.7	—0.9
Lucknow	69	46	0	2.0	+0.2
Madras	83	68	0	11.8	—19.3
Mysore	83	63	0	7.5	—1.5
Nagpur	84	57	T	0.5	—2.9
Patna	75	59	0.1	0.1	—2.8
Poona	87	54	0	2.8	—1.9
Shillong	61	44	0	10.5	+1.9
Simla	43	36	0	0.7	—2.1

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"Foreign Legion" At Eros

ZANIES abbott and Costello are back with their inimitable brand of foolery at the Eros this week in an adventure laid in the Sahara of the Foreign Legion. As usual the comics are in hot water, and plenty of it; with their sergeant, with the commandant of the Legion and with hostile Arabs. With not a dog's chance of doing it, they manage to wriggle out of every manner of scrape despite all their manifold blunders.

They wander into a slave market and wind up with half a dozen girls—all this without being aware that it is these same girls they have been bidding for so briskly. The scene shifts from America to Algeria, where they are duped into joining the Legion. Along with the comedy stars, there is Patricia Medina, as one of the slave girls whom they buy. Walter Slezak, Douglass Dumbrille and Fred Nurney round off the cast.

The film was directed by Charles Lamont from a screen play by John Grant who has been associated with Abbott and Costello from the time of their earliest pictures. It was produced by Universal. Foreign Legion" is a hotch-potch of typical Abbott-Costello material, and will be found highly entertaining by all those who are fans of the daffy pair.

The man who is blinking at you is Lou Costello in "Foreign Legion".

One More Week Of Williams

"Duchess of Idaho," MGM's musical extravaganza which has been doing a roaring trade at the Metro all last week is held over due to insistent public demand. The star of the film is glamorous Esther Williams, and she is seen in a romantic role with Van Johnson. There is plenty of music in the film and lavish and well mounted scents, which will appeal immensely to those in search of carefree entertainment.

In connection with this picture, the Metro cinema is holding a Body Beautiful contest with two sections for the under and over eighteens. Entries have to come through the heads of institutions, and each competitor will have to pose thrice front, back and in profile. The contest will be judged by a panel of three, and the winner will receive the title of "Mr. 1951."

City Share-Broker Arrested

BOMBAY, Thursday.

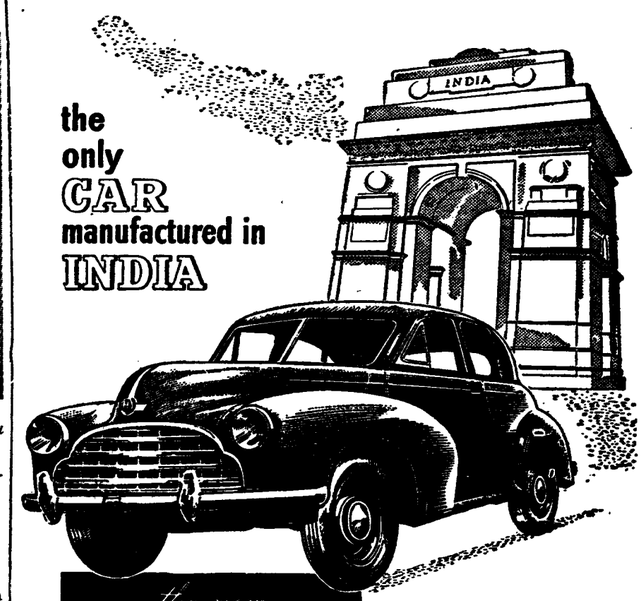
Maganlal Vasanji, a well-known share-broker of Bombay, Babulal Atmaram the manager of the Minerva Hotel at Dalal Street and four others were arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay Police yesterday during a raid of the premises of the Minerva Hotel.

According to the information received by the A.C.B., the share-broker and the other arrested persons, it was alleged, were running a profitable sideline business at the Mahaluxmi Race Course, by accepting illegal bets.

But it was hard to trap them as the bets were orally made and the amounts received were sent away through agents to safe places. It was alleged that all settlements of the "valans" to successful punters were made at the Minerva Hotel the next morning.

The police alleged that during yesterday's raid they seized betting slips and Rs. 2,493 in cash.

Mr. M. J. Gordhandas, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, ordered the men to be enlarged on bail.



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HINDI IN A HURRY!

In his presidential address to the All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at Kotah, Mr. Jayachandra Vidyalankar seemed to have been obsessed by the mixed feeling of despair and impatience with respect to the progress of Hindi. The fifteen years' limit of the transitional period fixed by the Constituent Assembly was described by him as a challenge to 'devotees of the people's language'. This marked a peculiar attitude. Substitution of English by Hindi cannot be anything else but a gradual process. The Constituent Assembly's decision reflected a realistic outlook to that extent. It was, in fact, an invitation and not a challenge to institutions and individuals devoted to Hindi to apply themselves to the task of organising the resources of this language. Since democracy offers an opportunity to the non-official endeavour to assert itself to its full extent particularly in the literary and educational sphere, literary bodies should voluntarily come forward to contribute their maximum towards accomplishment of the task of compiling text-books and lexicons scientific and technical terminology to which Mr. Vidyalankar made a pointed reference; but the mentality to expect the Government alone to do everything still continues to the detriment of the progress of education and national language. When the Constituent Assembly was representative of the people, it is not right to interpret the former's decision as a challenge to anyone.

Introduction of Indian languages as a medium of instruction was, no doubt, envisaged by leaders of the public thought long ago; and there was nothing to prevent the non-political and literary bodies from taking the initiative in preparing the ground for it, while the Congress, as the major political party, was engaged in the movement for attainment of independence of which reorganisation of education and the medium of instruction and administration was a logical corollary. The delay, if any was caused, could not have been attributed exclusively to the Congress. Mr. Vidyalankar shifted for a while, his attention from Hindi to other languages and complained that national leaders had gone back over the decision of the Congress to re-group states as administrative units based upon languages. He should be told that the question of regrouping provinces was postponed and not given up. He should also remember that linguistic regionalism, if allowed to overstretch itself, will lead to retardation of the progress of the national language. The two issues should not be confused or handled in undue haste. Instead of indulging in unfair criticism, literary bodies should direct their effort to the evolution of a scheme in which regional languages and Hindi are aligned in a logical order. When Mr. Vidyalankar has failed to suggest anything constructive, though he has taken the Constituent Assembly's decision as a challenge, we shall be interested to know whether the All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan has on its anvil any workable plan to expedite the process of substitution of English by Hindi.

Food For India

The optimistic forecast of India attaining self-sufficiency in food, has been indugled in a little too freely, we fear. The objective is desirable and, what is more, it is capable of being achieved provided certain conditions are fulfilled. Self-sufficiency though quite possible cannot easily be won.

Meanwhile, the country is face to face with the danger of a grave food crisis in the coming year. The magnitude of that gravity can be measured by the fact that six million tons of grain will be needed from abroad. Latest reports, we are, however, glad to note, hold out hopes of this big deficit being made good — if all goes well.

It will be recalled that Representative Jacob Javits has asked the U.S. Congress to lend all assistance to India in meeting the threat of famine in 1951. Now, the campaign has been taken an appreciable step further in the creation of the American Emergency Food Campaign for India with the aims of arousing U.S. public opinion to the need for helping India in the present stringency and putting pressure on Congress to pass the necessary legislation. At the press conference held to launch the Committee two important statements were made by Mrs. Pandit, India's Ambassador and the Committee: India has arranged to purchase four million tons from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Argentine. It is in addition to these four million tons that India has recently asked for 2 million tons from the United States. These are, according to the statement, available in America as also the shipping necessary to transport it. Shipping space is a serious difficulty specially in the present international situation. But it is very good news, if true that the British Government has directed shipowners to make available as many ships as possible to move American grain to India. But, ultimately, it is American assistance both in shipping as well as the grain that can overcome the impending crisis. The American authorities are reported to be sympathetic. Let us hope they translate their sympathy into action. They have both the commodity and the transport necessary. And they have India's eagerness to pay for both. No charity is asked for, nor will it be accepted if offered. But the deal will benefit both sides in equal measure. Apart from human obligations which devolve on those who are able to render assistance to those who need it, the deal will be a profitable business transaction too. This obvious aspect of the position, tends, we fear, to the consideration of India's food needs in terms of political advantages. Insistence on it is neither desirable nor fair to India. Yet it is inevitable that American response to India's request will influence the political aspect too. Food shortages and famines will help Communism, relieving a people from those calamities which naturally produce in them the psychology of appreciation. And that will be a great asset.

First Needs First

Presiding over the fourth session of the Indian Commerce Conference at Allahabad on Thursday, Prof. B. N. Das Gupta, head of the Department of Commerce, Lucknow University declared that the time was opportune for a changeover to advanced economy if India was to make full use of her latent forces. He called for a clear objective. Nowadays it is becoming a fashion with our theoretical academic economists to make use of high sounding words without clear thinking. All economic plans have a certain objective but their effects are different; some of these plans are aimed to benefit particular type of people. Some of them have immediate effect while others work over a long range. He believed that mere nationalisation would not result in better administration, though improvements would be effected in other directions. When the present Government came to power, there were many utterances about nationalisation of key industries but later on it was found that time was not opportune for such a change and it was announced by the Government spokesmen that there would be no nationalisation for ten years. In theory nationalisation will be welcomed and several well advanced countries are moving in that direction in respect of some industries. But there cannot be complete nationalisation in a short time. It is a gradual process and at this critical time, we cannot afford to make experiments of losing the guidance of pioneers of industries who have gained vast experience and invested huge sums in building up these industries. This shows that unless we have all necessary implements to resort to advanced economy, the experiment is bound to fail. In this connection our Prime Minister has made it clear that we have to be realistic. Unless we first become realistic, we cannot progress. The Government has made it clear that our immediate objective is self-sufficiency and unless this is achieved within a stipulated time, no economic progress can be made. Thus now is the time for all to work in one direction and achieve the goal of being self-sufficient. If this objective, which is so simple, is not achieved then the idea of advanced economy will have no place. In this connection Mr. Shri Prakasa, Commerce Minister, inaugurating the session said, "Government should no longer be referred to as the Third Party. Government and yourselves are one, the one is bound to reflect on the other and to react to the various forces that are working in the world today. We have to realise that we all are parts of a single whole. The country won Swaraj but it was accompanied by partition. It became very difficult for us to adjust ourselves to the new conditions. We are passing through this process of adjustments and until we have completely achieved new adjustments, it is no use talking about new economic methods. Our urgent problem is food, clothing and housing. In this direction we have so far made very little progress. First things must be treated first and later on when the time is opportune for a change over, no doubt we will have to adopt more advanced economy.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No man is too good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. A subject people have every right to displace that Government which has lost the goodwill of the general public. That is the law of society.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

From the report of a statement made at Bombay—while en route to London—by Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon:

He characterised as incorrect reports appearing in a section of the Indian press that Indians were ill-treated in Ceylon. He said that no Indian had been thrown out of employment as a result of the Ceylonisation scheme. The sole purpose of the scheme, he explained, was to assess the population of Ceylon since her independence.

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A contemporary gives the following caption to a "Union of Rulers Conference picture: "The Maharaja of Baroda speaking at the conference".

Which is incorrect. It should be: "The Maharaja of Baroda reading at the Conference".

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The conference, we learn, had to postpone final adoption of the draft code of privileges because 'many of the Princes came forward with a score of additional privileges which they wanted to be incorporated in the code'.

Good. We definitely hold that these princes deserve support and encouragement. The more privileges they demand, the merrier would the entertainment afforded be to us all.

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One Highness, the Maharaja of Bilaspur, gravely complained that most of the Princely rights, privileges and dignities had ceased to exist or become nebulous. "For example, the status of Princes at official functions was nowhere defined clearly" in the constitution.

This certainly is most shocking. The demand that the constitution be instantly scrapped.

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At the banquet given in his honour at New Delhi the Australian Prime Minister Mr. Menzies said how he was cheered and encouraged while driving round Calcutta and how he exclaimed to his companions: "There is nothing wrong with this country. Everybody is playing cricket on the park lawns".

Nothing wrong? Not even the colour of the players?

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Addressing a Bombay gathering the other day Mr. D. N. Pritt explained that the only reason why there was not complete freedom of access to the visitor to the Soviet Union was the pressure on accommodation and the problem of possible espionage.

Exactly the only reason....to the visitor (in other words very few are allowed entry) is that all except the authentically certified are potential spies.

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Asked if there was anything he disliked about the Soviet Union, Mr. Pritt replied that whenever he felt like criticising public life in the Soviet Union he generally found within three months that he had been wrong.

Does he still?

By the way, we are luckier than Mr. Pritt. Whenever we feel like criticising public life there we seek a comrade and, if we succeed, we find that we had been wrong within three minutes.

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A Peking Newspaper has alleged that American planes had violated the airspace of north-east China seven times on December 21.

Probably the Americans took it to be "volunteer" air space, which was, of course, quite wrong of them.

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Eighty members of Sweden's communist Party have told their leaders that they must end nepotism at the party headquarters by next March or face an open split—News Item.

Hollo! It's prevalent there too, is it?

REGROUPING OF INDIAN RAILWAYS

NEW DELHI, (By Air).

THE Central Advisory Council for Railways, at a meeting during the week has approved the regrouping of Indian Railways. The question of reorganisation of the Indian Railways has been examined from time to time. In the early twenties, the Acworth Committee, after studying the problems of the Indian Railways, came to the conclusion that all the Railways of undivided India with a route mileage of 40,500 should be reorganiesd to form three administrative zones.

The Inchcape Pope and Wedgwood Committee, which studied the problems of the Indian Railways at subsequent stages also came to the conclusion that the Indian Railways should be reorganised from a smaller number of administrative units with route mileages varying from 6,000 to 8,000 miles. The progressive transfer to State ownership and State management of Company-owned and Company managed Railways lent added urgency and importance to this question. Unfortunately the economic depression of the thirties and the World War II intervened to defer the implementation of the considered recommendations of these Expert Committees.

AFTER PARTITION

With the partition of the country, India was left with the rump of two Railways which are now designated the Eastern Punjab and the Assam Railways which could not continue to independent entitles indefinitely. The transfer of the Indian States Railways to the Central Railway Authority, consequent upon the Federal Financial Integration, again emphasized the immediate importance of rationalising and reorganising the separate Railway Administrations to form a smaller number of administrative units. H. M. Railways, in introducing his Budgets of the years 1949-50 and 1950-51 referred to this important question and stated that with the complete nationalisation of all rail transport in the country resulting from the transfer of Indian States Railways to the Centre, it would be possible to undertake the desirable step of re-drawing the railway map of India. Accordingly a Sub-Committee of the Board, consiting of the Financial Commissioner and two Members, was set up towards the end of September, 1949 to study and re-examine the question and to submit its recommendations for the consideration of Government.

SIX ZONES

To translate the decision of Government to regroup the Indian Railways including the Indian States Railways into six zones, the Committee was given the following terms of reference.

(a) to demarcate the zones to achieve the maximum degree of operation efficiency and economy with minimum dislocation.

(b) to determine the character, composition, and authority of the zonal administrations, and to define their relations with (1) the Central Authority and (II) the Executive Units;

(c) to determine the character of the Executive Units which will coalesce to form the zones.

(d) to define the character and composition of the Technical Authority, which will determine and co-ordinate policy in the technical field; and

(e) to determine the character of the Administrative machinery which will form the link between H. M. and the Technical co-ordinating Authority.

PRINCIPLES FOLLOWED

Committee was directed that in submitting its plan it should give sufficient weight to the economic unity of contiguous regions and the natural flow of traffic. In drawing up the plan for six zones, the following principles were prominently borne in mind:-

(1) Every railway administration should serve as far as possible a compact region.

(2) It should be large enough to provide a headquarters organization of the highest calibre capable of following and assimilating up to date improvements in railway techniques and equipped with adequate workshop facilities and statistical, training and research institution.

(3) The regrouping should cause the minimum dislocation in the existing arrangements and should be so phased as to prevent any kind of dislocation or even temporary diminution of the quantity or efficiency of railway service.

The plan has also been designed to achieve:-

(I) the maximum degree of unified control on important channels of traffic such as coal from Bengal and Bihar, imports via Bombay and the newly planned port of Kandla, traffic of industrial areas around Ahmedabad, etc.

(II) the location of one head quarters at one place to avoid confusion and blurring of responsibilities which inevitable ensue from the existence of more than one headquarters of one centre.

(III) the preservation to the maximum extent possible of the economic affinity of contiguous regions.

(IV) the readjustment of the boundaries of the zones to reduce the minimum dislocation of traffic.

(V) rationalisation of existing workshop capacity and facilities to allow their maximum utilisation.

The zones recommended by the Committee are as indicated below:—

Names of Railway	Route Mileage	Train Miles in millions per year.
Zone 1 Northern Railway	5,258	22.9
Zone 2 Western Railway	5,552	13.2
Zone 3 Central Railway	5,314	27.4
Zone 4 Southern Railway	5,724	28.5
Zone 5 Eastern Railway	5,015	26.7
Zone 6 North Eastern Ry.	6,369	36.8

Slight adjustments between the boundaries of the zones may become necessary as and when the formation of each zone is taken up. After a careful consideration of the recommendations of the Committee, it was decided to adopt this plan, but before its finalisation, it was considered desirable to obtain the reactions of the State Governments, the Chambers of Commerce, the two Railway Labour Organisations and others interested. The replies received indicate an overwhelming support in favour of this plan, though minor adjustments have been suggested by some.

ADMINISTRATION

The question of the pattern of the zonal administrations has also been considered in great detail. With the exception of the East Indian and the Eastern Punjab Railways which are on the divisional system, all the other Railways are at present administered on a district basis. There is a partial divisional system on the G.I.P. Railway, which is intermediate between the two systems generally in force. There is considerable divergence of opinion regarding the suitability of the one type or the other for the reorganised Indian Railway. It is proposed, therefore, to form the zones as far as possible on the basis of their existing patterns until sufficient experience has been gained. This course will facilitate a smooth transition and will cause the least disturbance to operation and will reduce the movement of staff to minimum.

It is proposed to form the Southern Zone of the regrouped Indian Railways by the amalgamation of the M.&S.M., S.I. and Mysore State Railways. The route mileage of this zone will total 5,724 miles of which 1,480 miles will be on the Broad Gauge and 4,244 miles on the Metre and Narrow Gauges. All these railways are organised on the district pattern and District Officers are answerable directly to their respective departmental chiefs. At the apex of each railway is the General Manager with the Heads of Departments, who, in their turn are assisted by the requisite number of Deputies. Control is thus centralised in the headquarters organisation. It it not proposed to disturb the district pattern, but having regard to the route mileage of the combined system and the volume of traffic which it will handle, it is considered that centralised control might become unwield and dilatory. It is proposed, therefore, to divide the zone into three operational regions to provide for intermediate co-ordination. There will thus be a hierarchy of District Officers, Regional Deputies, Heads of Departments and the General Manager.

The three regions will be formed by welding together all broad gauge sections to form the Central Region with its headquarters at Madras and contiguous metre gauge sections in the North and South to form the Northern and Southern Metre Gauge regions. The Headquarters of the Southern Metre Gauge region will be located at Trichinopoly. From the point of view of operation, the best location for the Headquarters of the Northern region would be Hubli. Temporarily, however, on account of the availability of accommodation and the need for starting with minimum staff movements, the Headquarters of the Northern regions will be located at Mysore or Bangalore. As soon as a regional Headquarters can be established at Hubli it will be transferred there.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

At the regional level, there will be located at the regional at the regional Headquarters Deputy Heads of Departments of the three major departments viz. Operating, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, who will be individually responsible to their respective Heads of Departments. The Operating Deputy will also be responsible for the Commercial work of the region. The Operating Deputy will be responsible for the general operation in the region and will be entitled to demand such assistance from the other Deputies as would enable him to discharge this responsibility. These Regional Deputies will be vested with adequate financial and other powers to enable them to deal effectively with most of the work arising in the Region. The delegation of enhanced powers will lead to a more efficient and expeditious disposal of the work in the Region and also relieve Heads of Departments from a large volume of work which now is referred to headquarters, thus freeing them for more intensive inspection work and for concentrating on major problems and policy.

STAFF TRANSFERS

The amalgamation of the three Railways and the setting up of the regional headquarters will necessarily involve a certain amount of staff transfers, but the retention of the district pattern of administration and the proposed location of the regional headquarters will minimise staff movements considerably.

Details of the organization required for administering the Southern Railway Zone under this arrangement are being worked out. It is expected that there will be a saving in the number of senior officers on the top and a sizeable saving in recurring expenditure. It should result also in increased operating efficiency.

It is aimed to inaugurate the regrouping of the Southern Raiways with effect from 1st April, 1951.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Only Routine?

The Delhi Government House tried to explain away the message of good wishes sent by the President to the Hindu Mahasabha by saying that it was only a routine matter done without the knowledge of the President. We do realise that the President of the Indian Republic will be receiving thousands of invitations which it may not be possible for him even to see. That is why there is a secretariat, but even a Government House Secretariat must realise that an invitation from the Hindu Mahasabha, a militant political party, is somewhat different from, say, one from an Old Pensioners' Association holding its fifteenth annual meeting. It may not be possible for the President to retract the "good wishes", but this "routine" excuse will not serve a second time.

Prohibition

Representatives of the Bombay Hotels and Restaurant Owners' Association have many grievances on the score of prohibition. Their main complaint is that prohibition had hit their trade. The Bombay Government might very well retort by saying that it had not been returned to office to maintain the flourishing business of selling liquor. And it is rather unfair to the hotels themselves to attribute the fall in revenue to prohibition, for not all the customers were friendly to Bacchus. It is upto the hotel trade to attract fresh clientele which might have been keeping away now not because of the lack of liquor in the cellars, but of high prices. Some of our bigger hotels have been catering exclusively to the higher income groups, and in these days, it is a fast diminishing set. They have to come down from their pedestal and serve the middle classes at whom they have been looking disdainfully so far. Then hotel owners will realise that this is a far more profitable proposition than doling out four units to the permit holder.

No Iron Curtain

Mr. D. N. Pritt, the eminent lawyer from Britain is proving to be quite an interesting man. Only the other day he spoke of North Koreans fighting against odds single-handed — a feat which Mr. Pritt patronisingly referred to as quite astonishing in an Asian nation. And now he has announced his discovery that there is no Iron Curtain. According to Mr. Pritt, the Russian is as free as the American. That explains why some people in Russia and Eastern Europe jump through windows and end their lives — that must be to demonstrate how free they are. The repeated attempts of the Russian Radio to jam the B.B.C. and the Voice of America might be a safeguard against Russian ears suffering from a surfeit of good things. Mr. Pritt says that during the early days of the Korean campaign, he was convinced that an impartial version was being given in the Russian papers. We do not know why Mr. Pritt ceased to study the Russian press in the later days, especially when things began to be somewhat dark until the Chinese Communists took a hand.

Wrong Address

Addressing a group of primary schools children, the Mayor of Bombay waxed eloquent about discipline and responsibility. Considering that the average age of his audience must have been well under 12, one wonders whether the advice went home. Addressing children is an art, and if one does not know how to speak to them, it is best he does not speak at all. This clap-trap about "discipline", responsibility etc. might be good for a Chowpatty audience — even there it seems to have lost its glamour. But to regiment children and lecture at them at a time when they are thinking of frisking about, is surely the limit. The children were also reminded of their "responsibility in the development of the country and its prestige". We do not know how well-behaved children must be to increase the prestige of the country, but prudes and prigs do not necessarily add to it. The world likes healthy children who laugh their way through life. Let the Municipality create conditions which make such children possible; advice and admonition can come later.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Flaw In Census

In the literature published by the authorities, as well as in radio talks given by eminent personalities, the next census of March 1951 is being referred to as the Ninth All India Census. I wonder if this is quite correct. The first census report of India that can be traced is of 1881. It mentions that it is the first of its kind. The introductory report of the 1921 census states that it is the fifth All India Census. According to these two reports the coming census will be the EIGHT and not the ninth decennial census.

So far as the State of Bombay is concerned this will be the ninth; but that is irrelevant for counting on an All India basis. A census was attempted in 1871, but it could not be completed. If it was not taken into account upto 1921, there seems no reason why the count should be changed at this stage. As counting is the most important factor in a census, it will be interesting to know how this change arises.

—MAKARAND V. DEHEJIA.

Faith Cure

I have read Mr. Patnaik's letter in your yesterday's issue. It will be well to remind him that no western scientist denies the efficacy of faith cure in certain mental disorders characterized by fixed ideas, hypochondriacal conditions, obsessional and anxiety states, hysteria and melancholia. The man of science knows how our bodily actviities are influenced by our mental states—how worry causes apoplexy and even diabetes, how anxiety causes indigestion and dyspepia, and how fear causes paralysis of the limbs and erythema. He is fully aware of the ills that fancy breeds. At the Nancy School and at the Salpetriere School, many remarkable cures have been effected. These trained practitioners start by striking the imagination of the patients, and making them believe that they are surely going to be cured. The patient's morale is lifted up, and when he is hopefully expectant of cure, his auto-suggestion makes him a different man.

Now this sort of nerve-treatment is effective, no doubt, within limits. But when serious claims are made by Christian Scientists and Faith Healers of curing all sorts of real disease, organic, bacterial, etc. a man of science like Prof. Raman has every right to put his foot down, and expose the wonder-workers who live by their wits, by selling charms, talismans and wonder drugs to the gulleless and the credulous.

Mr. Patnaik speaks of "supernormal" feats witnessed in our country. I wonder if he has in mind the feat of Yogi Ramdasji of Girnar who recently remained under water for twenty-four hours without breathing, and sat cross-legged in mid-air without any support, or the feat of Sorcar the magician who every night cut a woman in two and rejoined the halves by his magic mantra.

—M. B. G.

Accommodation Controller's Office

With reference to the press note of the Government that the Office of the Controller of Accommodation now restricts its activities to the allotment of premises to Government servants only, one may ask whether such activities of that Office are not illegal according to our Constitution which assures equal treatment and equal rights to all citizens irrespective of their being Government servants or not. This department was created ostensibly to help the public in obtaining housing accommodation without payment of "pagadi" to the property owners. Its activities in the past were challenged time and again in the High Court and criticised and condemned in no uncertain terms.

It is high time that the public should demand the closing of this Department, which is now being openly maintained at public expence for the benefit of "Government servants" only.

— J. S. PATEL.

OF ALL THINGS

Vesuvius Sweated Fire

THE most carefully watched of all volcanoes, Vesuvius erupted with terrible fury in April 1872. The main features of this terrifying outburst were as follows. For more than a twelvemonth before, the activity of the forces at work within the mountain appeared to be gradually increasing, and the great eruption commenced on April 24, attained its climax on 26th, and began to die out on the following day. During the eruption the bottom of the crater was entirely broken up, and the sides of the mountain were rent by fissures in all directions. So numerous were these fissures and cracks that liquid matter appeared to be oozing from every part of its surface, and, as Professor Palmieri, who witnessed the outburst from the observatory, expressed it "Vesuvius sweated fire." One of the fissures was of enormous size extending from the summit to far beyond the base of the cone; the scar left by this gigantic rent being painly visible at the present day.

From the great opening of the crater at the summit, and from some of the fissures on the sides of the mountain, enormous volumes of stream rushed out with a prodigious roaring sound, the noise being so terrific that the inhabitants of Naples, five miles off, fled from their houses and spent the night in open streets. Although this roaring sound appeared at a distance to be continuous, yet those upon the mountain could perceive that it was produced by detonations or explosions rapidly following one another. Each of these explosions was accompanied by the formation of a great globe of white vapour, which, rising into the atmosphere, swelled the bulk of the vast cloud overhanging the mountain. An inspection of the photographs shows that the great vapour-cloud over Vesuvius made up of the globular masses ejected at successive explosions. Each of these explosive upward rushes of steam carried along with it a considerable quantity of solid fragments, and these fell in great numbers all over the surface of the mountain, breaking the windows of its observatory, and making it dangerous to be out of doors.

Not Bad Sleep Indeed!

"How did you sleep? asked the hostess sweetly. "Was that couch all right?"

"It wasn't so bad," said her son's college friend amiably. "I got up from time to time and rested."

KHATMANDU SILENT

Nepal Delegates To Prolong Talks

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28. (PTI): The Nepal Government representatives now in Delhi were tonight still awaiting instructions from Khatmandu, and they had no meetings today with the Government of India's representatives.

The Nepal delegates have been fully apprised of the Indian Government's view on the whole subject and these have been communicated to Khatmandu. They have not so far received any reply from their Government to these reactions.

According to informed sources in the capital, there has been no change in the Government of India's attitude in regard to the situation in Nepal. The Government's attitude, according to these sources, has been clearly stated in Parliament by the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

No indications were available tonight as to how long the Nepal delegation will stay on in the capital or how long the present talks will last.

INDIAN REPORTS DENIED

A communique issued by the Nepalese Embassy tonight characterised as inaccurate reports appearing in certain Indian papers about the firing in a procession at Khatmandu.

"According to reports received from Khatmandu," the communique says, "certain persons forming themselves into bands have indulged in unlawful activities like attempts to attack police stands, thanas, the jail etc., and in hurling brickbats at motor cars and trucks on the road and setting them on fire.

"A curfew had there to be imposed in Khatmandu from 2 o'clock in the day on December 27 to last up to 6 a.m. Next morning a procession was formed in the city in defiance of the curfew order at about 2-30 p.m. on December 27. On receipt of information that this mob was marching to attack the city jail, the police proceeded to the spot and tried to stop them. But as all such efforts were unavailing firing had to be resorted to disperse the crowd and to maintain order, as a result of which two persons are reported to have been killed and a few wounded. There is complete quiet in the city today.

"The report of the incident which has appeared in certain Indian papers is not accurate. Firstly the crowd was formed in defiance of a police order. Secondly the number of casualties in the unfortunate incident was not six killed and 13 wounded as stated, but the numbers as stated above."

Stop Press

NEW CENSORSHIP

SEOUL, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): A new censorship ban on the dispositions of all divisions and independent brigades of the United Nations forces in Korea was announced officially here today. Units will in future be referred to only as units of the Eighth Army and there will be no specific mention of any corps headquarters.

NORTH GUJARAT IN GRIP OF SEVERE COLD

Kaira Workers To Raise Loan To Finish Mahi Canal

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 27.

Ahmedabad and other areas in North Gujrat are in the grip of severe cold and chilly winds are blowing throughout the day and night. Ahmedabad recorded a minimum temperature below 46 degrees F. which is a record in the last ten years. It is feared that cotton crop will be affected by frost while mango crop have a bright future if winds are not blowing. It is learnt from some areas that frost has damaged tobacco crop. In some places on the banks of River Banas, the temperature has gone down below 31 degress F. Reports from various places in Banaskantha and Sabarkantha indicate that a severe cold wave is passing through those areas and the whole area is threatened with frost. Kheduts are worrying about the frost which will destroy crops which have been saved from the clutches of locusts.

The Hon'ble Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Indian Parliament advised people to treat primary teachers who were the sculptors of new society with honour. Speaking at a meeting of primary teachers he said that the primary teacher was the 'Guru' of society and sowed good seeds in the delicate minds of children who afterwards became good citizens of the country.

PEOPLE'S LOAN

It is reliably learnt that workers of Kaira District have offered Government loan of rupees two and half crores for finishing the Mahi Canal project which has been postponed due to financial stringency. Workers have stated that they will fetch money from farmers and farmers have shown their willingness. If this work will be finished in this way, it will be the first of its kind in India. It is said that to finance public works, capital, is not coming forth from the well-to-do classes and so people of Kaira have decided to help Government by giving a loan to finish work which is of vital importance in agriculture.

PARLIAMENTARIANS TO MEET ON JAN. 4

GENEVA, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): The executive committee of Inter-Parliamentary Union will meet on January 4 for an "important session", the Secretariat stated today.

The agenda was not specified.

The Union is composed of parliamentary representatives of 36 countries.

The Committee presided over by Lord Stansgate (Britain) includes Mr. Mohanlal Gautam, member of the Indian Parliament, Vladimir Smith, President of the Federal Council of the Yugoslavia National Assembly, Count Cartor de Wiart, Cabinet Minister and former Premier of Belgium, Paul Bastid, member of French Parliament and Giovann Persico, senator and former Cabinet Minister of Italy.

PROHIBITION IN KARWAR

KARWAR, Dec. 28, (PTI): A Sub-Committee to plan out ways and means how to make total prohibition a complete success in the Karwar district was appointed by the District Prohibition Advisory Committee, Karwar at its meeting held here, recently. The Committee includes the District Superintendent of Police and the Superintendent of Excise.

Pudovkin To Visit India

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28. (PTI): Stalin Prize winners, M. Pudovkin, well-known film director, and M. Cherkasov, celebrated actor, both of Russia, will be in India by the end of this month. They have been invited by the Soviet Cine-Art Festival Committee, which recently organised an exhibition of Soviet films in Calcutta.

Press Delegation At Al Azhar

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): The Indian Press Delegation, continuing their sightseeing tour of Cairo today, visited Al Azhar University, the oldest Muslim seat of learning.

They were conducted round the 1,000-year-old mosque by Sheikh Abdel Meguid Selim Rector of the University.

The Indian Editors then visited Cairo's Citadel built by Saladin 800 years ago, on Mokattam hill. They also visited Gowhara Palace which was converted into a hospital for the Fourth Indian Division serving in the Middle East during the second World War.

Wholesale Price Index Declines

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28, (PTI): The official wholesale price index at 411.8 (with the year ended August 1939 as 100) declined further by 0.2 per cent during the week ended December 16, 1950. Relative to the corresponding week of last month and a year ago, the index was, however, higher by 0.2 and .2 per cent respectively, says a Government of India press note.

During the week under review, the index for 'foodstuffs' showed a further fall of 0.7 per cent to 422.8 owing to lowerprices of rice (—2 per cent), tea (—5 per cent) and gram (—2 per cent), notwithstanding increases in wheat (plus 2 per cent) and gur (plus 5 per cent).

Policy & Finance Of Rulers: Sub-Committees Set Up

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Council of the Rulers' Union today set up two sub-committees to report how the policy and finance of the Union should be handled in the best interests of the rulers and the people.

The Sub-Committees were set up after the Council had reviewed the work which had been done during the last four days.

The Sub-Committee of Finance would devise ways and means to consolidating the financial position of the Union and would act as a check on expenditure.

The next meeting of the Council of the Union would be held in Delhi in the first week of March next year.

Heavy Loss In Mystery Fire

CANBERRA, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

A MYSTERY fire swept through Canberra Civic Centre early today and caused 30,000 pounds sterling worth of damage.

Important Government record offices were burned out and the offices of the South African High Commissioner destroyed.

The most important South African papers were found intact in fireproof safes.

Later the Government was arranging accommodation for the High Commissioner and his staff in a former hospital.

It was Canberra's worst ever fire. The cause is not yet known.

Locusts Ravage Crops In Saurashtra

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 27.

To the spectacular damage caused by frost to the Rabi crops in extensive riverside areas in Saurashtra during the last week-end has been added the equally widespread havoc wrought in the cropped areas in the Gohelwar, Madhya Saurashtra and Sorath Districts.

The flabbergasted kisans hope that the authorities will not soft-pedal the damage caused to their Rabi crops and will lose no time in ordering regional surveys of the damaged crops and afford relief to the cultivators in respect of land revenue.

Transport Bottleneck At Porbandar

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 27.

The trade of Porbandar, once the envy of other Kathiawar ports has been showing creeping stagnation since the advent of the unitary management and control of the Kathiawar State Railways in 1948. For reasons best known to the Saurashtra Railway Administration, the Sorath District in which Porbandar is included gets only 60 per cent of the wagons assigned to the Gohelwar and Halar Districts. This step-motherly treatment meted out to the Sorath District has emasculated the trade of Porbandar.

K M T DESERTERS CLASH WITH BURMESE FORCES

RANGOON, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): The Rangoon newspaper "The Nation" said today that Burmese troops had clashed with a band of Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) deserters who have been in hiding in Burma.

"The Nation" said the deserters broke out of their hiding place and were heading towards the Wa States in south-western Burma when Burmese troops marched to meet them and fighting followed.

Chinese Nationalist troops, according to some reports upto three thousand strong, crossed in March this year from the south-western Chinese province of Yunnan into Burma's most easterly state of Kengtung.

In July Burmese forces were reported to have rounded up about 1,500 Chinese Nationalist troops with two hundred dependents.

Mr. Akhtar Mohammed Khan, an opposition member of the U P Legislative Council has given notice of a resolution recommending to the State Government that boys and girls below the age of fifteen years be prevented from seeing pictures in Cinema houses in the state.

TENSION IN DJAKARTA

Sequel To Hague Deadlock

DJAKARTA, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

Djakarta was a tense city today after the first news reached here of the deadlock at The Hague talks on western New Guinea.

Troops and military police raced through the city streets in lorries, jeeps and motor-cycles. Armed police stood on guard outside Dutch business houses.

An Indonesian official said today he feared the Dutch would "lose all goodwill" in Indonesia after the breakdown in the talks.

He predicted the end of the Netherlands—Indonesian Union "because of the Dutch refusal to transfer sovereignty over Western New Guinea to Indonesia".

But Indonesia would not relinquish its claim "even if it takes two, five or ten years to get Western New Guinea" he added.

The Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Natsir, said: "I am not surprised at the negative results of The Hague conference. We will use every diplomatic means to achieve our aim."

DOLLARS FOR MALAYA

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 28 (UPI): Malaya will get 410,000 U.S. dollars from the United States to build new roads to enable the authorities to take more effective security measures against internal disorder and Communist infiltration.

The project is a long-range road development programme in Malaya which will require an estimated 22 million Malayan dollars till 1955. Immediate plans call for the construction of improvement of 450 miles of road.

Inauguration Of Bharat Seva Dal

BANGALORE, Dec. 28 (PTI): Dr. N. S. Hardikar, founder of the Hindustan Seva Dal movement inaugurated today the Bharat Seva Dal rally at the Race Course grounds here.

Over 1,500 Seva Dal volunteers are participating in the rally which will last four days.

The concluding function will be presided over by General K. M. Cariappa, Commander in Chief on January 1.

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TEXT OF POINT FOUR AGREEMENT

BELOW is the text of the General Agreement signed on December 28, 1950 for technical co-operation under the Point-4 programme between India and the United States of America.

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of India have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

ASSISTANCE & CO-OPERATION

1. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of India undertake to co-operate with each other in the interchange of technical knowledge and skills and in related activities designed to contribute to the balance and integrated development of the economic resources and productive capacities of India. Particular technical co-operation programmes and projects will be carried out pursuant to the provisions of such separate written agreements of understandings as may later be reached by the duly designated representatives of India and the Technical Co-operation Administration of the United States of America, or by other persons, agencies, or organizations designated by the governments.

2. The Government of India through its duly designated representatives in co-operation with representatives of the Technical Co-operation Administration of the United States of America and representatives of appropriate international organizations will endeavour to co-ordinate and integrate all technical co-operation programmes being carried on in India.

3 The Government of India will co-operate in the mutual exchange of technical knowledge and skills with other countries participating in technical co-operation programmes associated with that carried on under this Agreement.

4. The Government of India will endeavour to make effective use of the results of technical projects carried on in India in co-operation with the United States of America.

5. The two governments will, upon the request of either of them, consult with regard to any matter relating to the application of this Agreement to project agreements heretofore or hereafter concluded between them, or to operations or arrangements carried out pursuant to such agreements.

ARTICLE II

INFORMATION & PUBLICITY

1. The Government of India will communicate to the Government of the United States of America in a form and at intervals to be mutually agreed upon:

(a) Information concerning projects, programmes, measures and operations carried on under this Agreement, including a statement of the use of funds, materials, equipment and services provided thereunder;

(b) Information regarding technical assistance which has been or is being requested of other countries or of international organizations.

2. Not less frequently than once a year, the Governments of India and of the United States of America will in mutual consultation make public in their respective countries periodic reports on the technical co-operation programmes carried on pursuant to this Agreement. Such reports shall include information as to the use of funds, materials, equipment and services.

3. The Governments of the United States of America and India will endeavour in mutual consultation to give full publicity to the objectives and progress of the technical co-operation programme carried on under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

PROGRAMME & PROJECT AGREEMENTS

1. The programme and project agreements referred to in Article I, Paragraph 1 above will include provisions relating to policies, administrative procedures, the disbursement of and accounting for funds, the contribution of each party to the cost of the programme or project, and the furnishing of detailed information of the character set forth in Article II, Paragraph 1 above.

2. With respect to any funds, materials and equipment introduced into India by the Government of the United States of America pursuant to such programme and project agreements, the Government of the United States shall not be liable for taxes, service charges, and investment or deposit requirements, and will be exempt from exchange restrictions.

3. The Government of India agrees to bear a fair share, as may be mutually agreed upon, of the cost of technical assistance programmes and projects.

ARTICLE IV

PERSONNEL

1. All employees of the Government of the United States of America assigned to duties in India in connection with co-operative technical assistance programmes and projects and accompanying members of their families shall be exempt from Indian income taxes with respect to (1) salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Government of the United States of America and (2) any non-Indian income upon which they are obligated to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of the United States of America.

2. Such employees and members of their families shall receive exemption with respect to the payment of customs and import duties on personal, household and professional effects and supplies including one personal automobile on certificates being furnished, by such employees, to the Collector of Customs concerned, through the Technical Assistance Unit of the Finance Ministry of the Government of India, to the effect that these effects and supplies are for the personal use and consumption of such employees and members of their families. Duty is liable to be paid in respect of any such article imported without payment of duty and sold or disposed of within three years, but there shall be no liability if such articles are re-exported within the period.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENT, DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day on which it is signed. It shall remain in force until three months after either Government shall have given notice in writing to the other of intention to terminate the Agreement.

2. If, during the life of this Agreement, either Government should consider that there should be an amendment thereof, it shall so notify the other Government in writing and the two Governments will thereupon consult with a view to agreeing upon the amendment.

3. Subsidiary project and other agreements and arrangements which may be concluded may remain in force beyond any termination of this Agreement, in accordance with such arrangements as the two Governments may make.

4. This Agreement is complementary to and does not supersede existing agreements between the two Governments except insofar as other agreements are inconsistent herewith.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at New Delhi, in duplicate, this 28th day of December, 1950.

For the Government of the United States of America:

(Sd.) LOY W. HENDERSON
Ambassador.

For the Government of India:

(Sd.) G. S. BAJPAI,
Secretary-General,
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Bengal Retain Men's Championship

CHANDARANA WINS HIS THREE MATCHES FOR BOMBAY

COLOMBO, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter)

Bengal retained the men's Inter-State Table Tennis Championships beating Bombay 5-4 last night.

Uttam Chandarana, holder of the National title (India), was in top form winning all his three matches when the final tie between Bombay and Bengal was decided before a large gathering. He beat Bhandari and Jayant De rather comfortably and accounted for K. Jayant in what might be called the most spectacular match played so far.

Chandarana was never so supreme during the last three years. He excelled in judicious placings and clever anticipations.

Jayant (Bengal) played the deciding match against D. P. Sampat (Bombay) outwitting his opponent convincingly.

In the open events the most surprising upset was the defeat of the seeded player D. P. Sampat (Bombay) in straight sets by 17 year old N. C. Balu (Delhi).

Balu hit right through and his victory was never in doubt. once he took the lead.

In women's singles Mrs. Sunachini, Joshi, inter-state player (Bombay), was beaten by Miss Tarapore (Mysore) before the quarter stage had been reached.

In the men's singles, N. Krishna Murthi (Madras) beating C. S. R. Anjaneyulu (Andhra) has qualified to meet Om Prakash (Delhi), while Thiruvengadam (Madras) will meet Jayant De (Bengal).

The quarter finals stage had been reached in women's singles. Miss Sultana will meet Miss E. Bocarro in the first quarter, Miss C. Madan and Mrs. R. Gool Nasikwala in the second quarter, Miss J. B. Tarapore and Miss A. Rukmani in the third quarter and Mrs. Vijaya Rajagopalan in the last quarter.

Following are the results:

INTER-STATE MEN'S FINAL

(Bengal beat Bombay 5—4.)

H. M. Khanchand (Bombay) beat Jayant De (Bengal) 21-11, 21-10. K. Jayant (Bengal) beat D. P. Sampat (Bombay) 21-11, 21-11 Uttam Chandarana (Bombay) beat R. Bhandari (Bengal) 21-19, 21-13. K. Jayant (Bengal) beat Khanchand (Bombay) 21-14, 21-16. Chandarana (Bombay) beat Jayant De (Bengal) 21-18, 21-18, R. Bhandari (Bengal) beat Sampat (Bombay) 21-17, 21-14. Chandarana (Bombay) beat K. Jayant 21-16, 21-19. Bhandari (Bengal) beat Khanchand (Bombay) 21-11, 21-15. Jayant De (Bengal) beat Sampat (Bombay) 21-12, 21-14. Sampat (Bombay) beat N. B. Mistry (Bombay) 9-21, 21-13, 21-16, 21-15. S. H. Kashim (Ceylon) beat S. Selvajayam (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-10, 21-14. C. N. Baloo (Delhi) beat N. J. Nemey (Bombay) 21-9, 21-14, 21-11. Suresh Sahay beat N. S. Krishnaswamy (Mysore), 21-19, 16-11, 21-17, 21-13. Suresh Sahay (Bengal) beat Ramnaastri (Andhra) 21-13, 21-10, 11-21, 21-10. A. V. Ramchandra Rao (Mysore) beat C. Daniel (Ceylon) 21-14, 21-18, 17-21, 21-13. Ossie Dyer (Bombay) beat T. K. Anantharam (Delhi) 21-19, 21-5, 21-14. Harjan Singh (Delhi) beat K. Ramamurthy 21-14, 21-16, 21-12. Narsinha Rao (Andhra) beat D. L. Salgado (Ceylon) 21-18, 18-21, 21-16. 11-21, 21-11. K. Jayant (Bengal) beat V. M. Nadkarni (Bombay) 21-13, 21-19, 21-15. Bhandari (Bombay) beat C. R. Shoorman (Ceylon) 21-15, 21-18, 21-17. N. M. Lal (Punjab) beat D. Bekhor (Bengal) 18-21, 22-20, 21-17, 21-16. N Krishnamoorthy (Mysore) beat Anjaneyulu (Andhra) 21-18, 14-21, 16-21, 21-15, 21-12. Om Prakash (Delhi) beat Murugesan (Madras) 21-11, 25-23, 21-13, Thiruvengadam (Madras) beat K. V. N. Swamy (Delhi) 21-15, 21-8, 21-15. Jayant De (Bengal) beat S. K. Thakersey (Bombay) 21-12, 21-18, 21-16. P. K. Parthasarathy (Madras) beat A. Benjamin 21-12, 21-18, 21-17. M. V. S. Vittal (Mysore) beat A. Chakravarthy (Bombay) 21-15, 21-16, 21-18 H. M. Khanchand (Bombay) beat Nissanka De Silva (Ceylon) 21-8, 21-11, 21-14. Ramaswamy (Mysore) beat Mohd Omar (Hyderabad) 21-19, 22-24, 21-18, 21-15. R. B. L. Saxena (Delhi) beat Laxminarayan (Hyderabad) 21-18, 21-16, 21-14. C. N. Baloo (Delhi) beat D. P. Sampat (Bombay) 21-14, 21-15, 21-15. K. Jayant (Bombay) beat Narasingha Rao (Andhra) 23-21, 21-19, 21-9. A. V. Ramachandrarao (Mysore) beat Suresh Sahay (Bengal) 21-18, 21-6, 17-21, 21-18. Ossie Dyer (Bombay) beat Harjan Singh (Delhi) 21-12, 21-18, 21-16. M. Mekhri (Hyderabad) beat Khurshid Ali (Hyderabad) 13-21, 21-18, 23-21, 21-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Gulu Advani and Arun Raj w.o. P. F. Rustomjee and J. H. Billimoria; S. K. Thakersey and D. P. Sampat w.o. M. U. Rawoof and N. Satyendra Premsagar and N. Sud beat K. Ramamurthy and Brinder Singh 21-12, 15-21, 21-17, 23-21; V. Iyer and V. Nadarajah beat Srinivasan and Rajan 21-23, 21-14, 21-18, 10-21, 21-17; Khurshid Ali and V. M. Sastry beat I. Fernando and A. De Silva 21-18, 21-15, 21-14; K. V. Krishnamurthy and Altaf Ali beat Murugesh and Panchapakesan 21-19, 21-15, 22-20; Mistry and Nadkarni beat Rangaswamy and M. Mekhri 21-15, 21-13, 24-22; C. Daniel and N. Udeshi beat N. V. N. Swamy and Anandaram 21-17, 21-15, 16-21, 22-24, 21-19; Ramasastri Rao and Narasingha Rao w.o I. Rosario and V. Selvathamby; K. Surindra Singh and N. M. Lal beat C. Gameletge and S. Pereira 21-9, 21-16, 21-8; C. N. Baloo and Harjan Singh beat U. De Silva and Savundranayagam 21-14, 21-10, 21-9, N. I. Narayan and Krishna Rao beat N. Chelliah and T. Sinniah 21-11, 21-19, 21-11 N. S. Krishna Swamy and T. S. Iyengar beat P. Siva Lingam and S. Selvajayam 21-6, 21-19, 22-20; N. Krishnamurthy and Thiruvengadam beat G. A. S. Vel and Bannerjee 21-12, 21-13, 21-12; R. Bhandari and K. Jayant beat Gulu and Arun Raj 22-24, 21-18, 21-18, 19-21, 21-6; D. P. Sampat and S. K. Thackersey beat Premsagar and N. M. Sud 21-15, 9-21, 21-10, 21-10; Visvanath Iyer and V. Nada Rajah beat Kurshed and V. M. Sastri 14-21, 21-14, 21-8, 21-8; C. Daniel and N. Udeshi beat B. Basu and M. Data 21-6, 21-7, 21-15; K. Surinder Singh and N. M. Lal w.o. K. Ramasastri Rao and K. Narasingha Rao; C. N. Baloo and Harjan Singh beat Laxminarayan and Krishna Rao 21-19, 21-11, 21-16.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Miss Veerakoon (Ceylon) beat Mrs. J. Bose (Punjab) 21-10, 21-10, 21-16; Miss Kunti Varma (Bengal) beat Miss Captain (Mysore) 21-16, 17-21, 21-15, 16-21, 21-14; Miss Bocarro (Bombay) beat Mrs. G. Wqnigasekaera (Ceylon) 21-14, 21-10, 18-21, 21-12; Miss C. Madan (Bengal) beat R. Dotiwala (Mysore) 21-13, 21-18, 21-16; Miss C. Albuquerque (Madras) beat Miss R. Pestonjee (Ceylon) 21-9, 21-10, 24-22; Mrs. G. Somasundram (Ceylon) beat Mrs. Pratap Singh (Punjab) 21-15, 21-10, 21-10; Mrs. S. Joshi (Bombay) beat Miss M. Janardan (Hyderabad) 21-18, 21-8, 21-5; Miss Tarapore (Mysore) w.o. Mrs. Surinder Singh (Punjab); Miss L. De Silva (Ceylon) w.o. Miss G. Mackertichm (Bengal); Miss Rukmani (Madras) beat Miss T. Singham (Ceylon) 21-18, 21-16, 21-17; Mrs. V. P. Siriwardene (Ceylon) beat Miss Subadra (Madras) 21-12, 21-14, 21-10; Miss J. Walawalkar (Bombay) beat Miss H. N. Pestonjee (Ceylon) 21-16, 21-9, 19-21, 21-14; Miss E. Moses (Bengal) beat Miss Manickjee (Mysore) 21-12, 21-14, 21-10; Miss Sultana (Hyderabad) beat Miss B. Veera Koon (Ceylon) 21-14, 21-8, 21-10; Miss E. Bocarro (Bombay) beat Miss Kunti Varma (Bengal) 21-11, 21-15; Miss C. Madan (Bengal) beat Miss C. Albuquerque (Madras) 21-9, 21-18, 21-10; Mrs. G. Nasikwala (Bengal) beat Mrs. G. Somasundram (Ceylon) 21-19, 21-18. 21-15; Miss J. B. Tarapore (Mysore) beat Mrs. Joshi (Bombay) 17-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-18; Miss Rukmani (Madras) beat Miss L. De Silva (Ceylon) 21-8, 22-20, 21-10; Mrs. V. P. Siriwardene (Ceylon) beat Miss E. Moses (Bengal) 21-16, 21-3, 21-16; Mrs. Rajagopalan (Punjab) beat Mrs. G. Walawalkar (Bombay) 21-12, 21-14, 21-14.

C. C. I. FIRST ATHLETIC MEET

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Cricket Club of India's first open Athletic meet will be held at the Brabourne Stadium on January 13th and 14th, 1951 commencing at 2-30 p.m. on each day.

The last date for receipt of entries is January 6th at 5 p.m.

The usual events for men and for women will be run and special events have been kept reserved for Club members and their families.

DE MELLO AS TABLE TENNIS PRESIDENT

COLOMBO, Dec. 28, (PTI): Mr. Anthony S De Mello was elected President of the All-India Table Tennis Federation for the year 1951 at its annual general meeting here today.

Mr. Ranga Ramanujan was elected secretary and Mr. Prakash Bahadur, tresurer.

The annual report and the statement of accounts were also adopted.

B. S. A. A. A. TO HOLD ITS FIRST ATHLETIC MEET

BOMBAY, Dec. 28, (PTI): The Bombay State Amateur Athletic Association, State controlling body for athletics will for the first time on January 27 and 28, 1951 conduct the Bombay State Athletic meet.

Selections for Bombay's team of athletes for the All-India Games at Ludhiana in February 1951 will be based on the results of this meet.

Formed five months ago and recognised by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India early this month, the B. S. A. A. A. is "fully resolved", according to a statement by its secretary, Mr J J Jameson, to make the trip to the All-India Games "no picnic for Bombay athletes."

"We have already announced specific standards to which athletes must conform if they would be selected for Ludhiana", he said.

According to these standards Bombay athletes must do 5 feet 9 inches in the high jump event, pole vault 11 feet 4 inches and run the 100 metres in 11.1 seconds.

For boys and girls under 18, the B. S. A. A. A. will hold a Junior State Athletic meet on January 20 and 21. Events include broad jump and a 60 metres run for boys and girls under 12.

INDIANS VERSUS EUROPEANS

Annual Madras Presidency Match

MADRAS, Dec. 28 (PTI): The annual Presidency cricket match between Europeans and Indians will be played on the M.C.C. Grounds at Chepauk on January 6 and 7. B. S. Bhadadri will captain the Indian side and the following will compose the team:

B. S. Bhadadri (Captain), B. C. Alva, B. Alagannan, V. Aruldoss, M. Balakrishnan, S. Ganesan, V. S. Ganapathi Rao, S. Natarajan, V. R. Nilakantan, R. Raghavan, A. K. Sarangapani.

R. Bhaskaran is the twelfth man.

Stand-bys: P. D. Krishnaswami, P. V. Varadan, T. Lakshman Rao.

Madras Qualify To Meet Andhra

HYDERABAD (Dn), Dec. 28. (PTI): Madras today qualified to meet Andhra in the next round of the University Cricket Tournament (South Zone) by virtue of their lead in the first innings against Poona.

Madras were all out in their first innings after 65 minutes of play this morning for 433 runs, a lead of 182 runs over Poona.

Right from the start of their second venture Poona went in for runs and declared their innings closed at 240 for six at tea, setting Madras the task of scoring 59 runs in sixty minutes for an outright victory.

Madras however failed to achieve this distinction, their batsmen scoring only 48 runs for the loss of three wicket, at the end of the match.

H. T. Dani played a forceful game for Poona in their second innings, obtaining 86 runs and in partnership with V. D. Gosavi. He put on 123 runs for the third wicket.

The following were the scores.

POONA (1st Innings) 251

MADRAS (1st Innings)

T. V. Girish c V. D. Gosavi b R. B. Shelke 51; Chinnadorai lbw R. B. Shelke 45; C. D. Gopinath b M. D. Joshi 9; M. Doraiswami c V. D. Gosavi b R. B. Shelke 18; A. R. Sridhar c M. D. Joshi b R. C. Bhave 76; M. Surayanarayan c and b J. P. Divadkar 78; M. G. Bhavanarayan c M. D. Joshi b R. C. Bhave 85; D. R. Bhupathi run out 4; A. G. Kirpal Singh st V. D. Gosavi b V. D. Durve 35; S. V. Vaidyanathan c Badbadhe b R. C. Bhave 14; Krishna Rao not out 0; Extras 18. Total 433.

Bowling Analysis:—A. P. Bhave 8/1/37/0; R. B. Shelke 37/17/82/3; M. D. Joshi 19/4/55/1; H. T. Dani 15/3/41/0; V. D. Durve 8/0/28/1; R. C. Bhave 23.3/2/91/3; Vakil 10/1/42/0; J. P. Divadkar 11/2/29/1; R. G. Badbhade 2/0/10/0;

POONA (2nd Innings)

V. D. Gosavi c Krishna Rao b R. A. Sridhar 58; V. D. Durve b M. G. Bhavanarayan 27; R. R. Shelke c Gopinath b M. G. Bhavanarayan 3; M. T. Dani c Vaidyanathan b C. D. Gopinath 86; P. P. Vakil c Substitute b Bhavanarayan 42; Bhadbadhe c Substitute b Krishna Rao 18; M. D. Joshi not out 3; Extras 3; Total (for 6 wkts decl. 240.

Bowling Analysis:—

Chinnadorai 9/4/46/0; C. D. Gopinath 18/1/66/1; Bhavanarayan 18/5/35/3; Vaidyanathan 8/1/19/0; Krishna Rao 17.5/2/56/1; Kripal Singh 2/0/7/0, A. R. Sridhar 4/1/8/1.

MADRAS (2nd Innings).

T. V. Girish run out 2; R. Chinnadorai not out 20; C. D. Gopinath b Shelke 11; N. Doraiswamy c Vakil b Joshi 9; A. R. Sridhar not out 4; Extras 2; Total (for 3 wkts) 48.

Bowling Analysis:

Shelke 10/3/18/1; A. P. Bhave 2/0/12/0; M. D. Joshi 7/3/16/1.

BOMBAY VARSITY TENNIS TEAM

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following have been selected to represent the Bombay University in the Inter-University Tennis Tournament to be played at Nagpur commencing on the 4th January 1951: Mr. R.K. Jain, Mr. Bhutani, Y. H. Varawalla.

The team will leave for Nagpur on the 2nd January 1951, by the Calcutta Mail via Nagpur leaving Bombay V.T. at 5 p. m.

Madras Race Acceptances

POOR FIELDS FOR SIXTH DAY

MADRAS, Dec. 28 (PTI).

The following are the acceptances for Madras Races December Meeting, Sixth Day, Saturday, 30th December, 1950.

THE BARTDA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Princess of Hindustan 9-4, The Angel 8-2, Widad 8-2, Repay 8-1.

THE CAUVERY PLATE.—Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.

Carpala 9-4, Black and White 9-2, Royal Run 9-2, Lily of the Valley 8-10, Gipsy Lore 8-10, Oscar 8-7, Aflatoon 8-7, Prohibition 8-6, Palmy Days 7-9, Pop 7-7.

THE BARODA PLATE. Division II —Distance 6 furlongs.

Ginger Girl 9-4, Royal Blessings 9-2, Rubayat 8-13, Gipsy Maid 8-10, Warrior Princess 8-4, Quaker Oats 8-2, Blue Flame 8-2, Malka 8-2, Raj Luxmi 8-2, Caltex Queen 7-8, Tribhuvan 7-5, Contessa Neuvy 7-5, Gipsy Love 7-5.

THE GUJARAT PLATE. Class III.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Bullrich 9-5, Ellamenco 9-2, Full House 9-2, Sinister 8-4, Couplet 8-3, Nettled 7-7, Tarn 7-4.

THE SALEM PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Belle Syme 9-7, Night Queen 9-3, Merry Go Round 9-0, My Chance 8-12, Gay Abbess 8-9, Patricia 8-3, Rasili 8-2, Yankee Doodle 8-0, Brave Lassie 7-8, Trim 7-8, Dominic's Lady 7-8, First Port 7-7, Currency Note 7-4, Mahashivratri 7-4.

THE VIZAG PLATE.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Windsor Knight 9-7, Pride d'Antibes 9-4, Sabah Al Khair 9-2, El Alamein 8-11, Jadugar 8-8, Poppet 8-7, Windsor Lass 8-0, Princess Padma 8-0, Notice 7-11, Lean Note 7-6, Onyx 7-4.

THE KOLHAPUR PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

Persian Princess 9-4, Favourite 9-3, Sinhgarh 9-1, Bold Note 9-0, Maharukh 8-11, Win Again 8-1, Babul 8-1, Kalyan 7-11, Currency 7-8 Wiseom 7-8, Sugar Palm 7-8.

Races selected for double: The Salem Plate and the Kolhapur Plate.

Races selected for treble: The Baroda Plate Division II, the Salem Plate and the Vizag Plate.

QUEENSLAND RECORD A WIN

ADELAIDE, December 27, (PTI-Reuter): Queensland recorded their first win in five games this season when they defeated South Australia by eight wickets in a Sheffield Shield match.

Needing 78 runs in their second innings to win, Queensland carried their overnight score of 12 for one to 79 for two in 95 minutes.

Scores: South Australia 136 and 239 Queensland 298 and 79 for two.

Double Victory For Former World Cycling Champion

CHRISTCHURCH, (Newzealand), December 26, (PTI-Reuter): Alan Bannister British amateur sprint champion, and Arie Van Cliet of Holland, former world professional sprint champion each scored double victories in the cycling events on the opening day of The Canterbury Centennial Games here. Bannister won the amateur 440 yards and one thousand yards races, while Van Cliet took the professional 440 yards handicap and half mile handicap events.

Financial Crisis Hits English Soccer Clubs

From Vernon Morgan

REUTER'S SPORTS CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

Many English soccer clubs are facing a financial crisis. Some of them face bankruptcy. Only the top-flight teams are playing to packed stands and terraces.

Unless attendances increase it may well be that one or more clubs in the third division where gates are lowest will drop out of the competition after the end of the current season.

The soccer boom enjoyed by most clubs since the war is unmistakably on the wane for the smaller clubs. Even some of the bigger clubs in the first division are finding their gates dwindling.

Officials are now finding that fans do not always turn up automatically. They only come in strength for the key matches and to watch the great personalities.

Even though he may be said to have had his day Stanley Matthews, England's Wizard right winger probably draws a bigger crowd for his club Blackpool than any other player in the game today and when clubs are playing Blackpool they find attendances rise.

But good play still bring crowds and successful teams like Arsenal and newly promoted Tottenham Hotspur pull in large attendances week after week:

The absence of the Spurs from the second division is being felt in that league. Attendances here are dropping badly and to take one instance Luton Town who averaged about 20,000 a match four years ago are only getting 13,000.

But worst hit of all are the "Minnows" the clubs in the third division and especially so in the Northern section. Some of these are in desperate straits and week after week they are losing money, they can ill afford.

Magnanimous club directors are putting their hands into their own pockets to help keep the clubs going but they cannot continue this for ever. Two or three are in a very bad way with attendances sometimes only around the 2,000 mark and even less in some cases. Officials estimate that a weekly attendance of at least 8,000 is necessary to keep a league club going.

Only in the Football Association Cup ties can it be said that gates are keeping their immediate post war level. The small clubs keeping in the cup means a very great deal and it is no wonder that directors watch the various draws with the keenest interest. If they have to go out they hope they will be away to a big club and at least get one good gate. It is better than surviving two rounds against lesser known opponents.

The Cup shows no signs of losing its appeal up and down the country and there is a keen demand for all the third round ties to be played on January 6.

What is the reason for this decline in attendances. It is hard to say. Possibly television has something to do with it for here is an added attraction to those which like cinema and other sporting events were counter attractions just after the war. Though the league matches themselves are not televised many doubtless prefer to sit at home in comfort rather than brave the weather.

Money too is tighter and attendances at race meetings and other sports are dwindling. There will still be big crowds for the best at any sport but the not so good contests are just not fetching the people.

Many wonder why soccer players are so "poorly" paid. The players themselves say they deserve much more and have been agitating for years for increases. The wealthier clubs could certainly afford to pay their players more but taken as a whole league clubs find they cannot afford a penny more and many are today wishing they did not have to give their players so much. No that they do not want to but the bank balance just does not allow them to.

Maharaj Pramukh And Mansoor Beg Excel

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE following are the pick of the track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:

Outer Tan:—

GAGAN DOOT (Jai Singh) had the measure of COOL AND COLLECTED (Kasbekar) when covering the last three in 38 seconds. The first-named is in fine fettle.

ROYAL GUARD (Rajoo) was attended by SOLAR SONG (Antoo) when out at fair pace over six furlongs. Timing 1 minute 23 seconds.

MANSOOR BEG (Khade) negotiated nine furlongs in 2 minutes 4 seconds. SWAN WALK (Rickaby) joined at the seven. The last six were covered in 1 minute 22 seconds. Ignore MANSOOR BEG'S last performance.

BLACK MAGIC (R.B.) showed out from PROSPERO (R. Bhosle) when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 23 seconds.

RASHTRAPATI (R. Bhosle) moved freely when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 22 1/2 seconds.

PAN SUPARI (Chavan) negotiated nine furlongs in 2 minutes 6 seconds.

GOLDEN SQUARE (Cunningham) showed out from MISS RUTTY (R. B.) when covering nine furlongs in 2 minutes 10 seconds.

MURASAKI (Rickaby) and KRANTI (R.B.) covered the last three in 37 seconds.

RAJ MAHESH (Purtu) beat GIPSY FLOWER (Purshottam) when covering the last five in 1 minute 8 seconds.

AL MOHALAB (Antoo) moved better than ILTAJA (Whiteside) when sent over six furlongs. Timing 1 minute 22 seconds.

DU-BON-AIR (Gilmore) and EASTERN SEA (Jagdesh) went a gallop over nine furlongs in 2 minutes 6 seconds.

THE GIRL FRIEND (Mahomedali) moved freely when covering a mile in 1 minute 54 seconds.

CHOPPY (Purtu) had the measure of NATURE BOY (Amir) when engaged over three furlongs. The former who always shines in his trials, returned 37 seconds.

GOLD STREET (Rickaby) did an excellent spurt over three furlongs in 36 1/5 secs.

WHATAGIFT (Gilmore) travelled better than SEA GULL (Jagdesh) over nine furlongs and clocked 2 mins. 4½ secs.

STAR OF AMERICA (R.B.) held PARDESI (Chavan). The last five furlongs were covered in 1 min. 10 secs.

NEW MOON (Roberts) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

SHUBH LUXMI (Aurobinda) and PROSPERO (R. Bhosle) were out over three furlongs. Unextended, they clocked 39 secs.

THE DUKE (Kheem) headed NATIONAL FLAG (Khade) and GLAMOUR BOY (Antoo) was not in a position to sustain when engaged over three furlongs. Timing 36 secs.

ALI JANAB (Purtu) clocked a spurt over three furlongs in 37 secs.

LALAJI (Medhi) did not impress when covering three furlongs in 39 secs.

PRINCESSA (Whiteside) disposed of PANDITJI (Duffy) when covering three furlongs in 38 secs.

ORION (Gilmore) moved well in hand and spared four lengths from DER-NUE-WEY (Jagdesh) when concerned in a noteworthy spurt over three furlongs. Timing 38 secs.

FULNANA (Duru) and SONATA (Pierce) lay in close order when covering three furlongs in 38 secs.

BOTTICELLI (R. Bhosle) was out for airing over three furlongs. He returned 41 secs.

DIL-KI-BAT (Roberts) moved in front of fast finishing MAHARAJ PRAMUKH (Kheem) and FAIR HAVEN (Antoo) when making a dash over three furlongs in 35½ secs. Maharaj Pramukh may avenge in Saturday's classic.

MIMMA (I. Khan) was flat out and returned 40 secs. for a spurt over three furlongs.

NASRULLAH (Roberts) negotiated three furlongs in 37 secs.

KHUNDIL (Kheem) was half a length in front of SWEETIE SHAH (Antoo) when striding over three. Timing 37 secs.

SILVER PYLON (Snaith) and DRY DAY (Gangaram) covered three furlongs in 37 1/5 secs.

LOYAL PRINCE (Khade) went better than SWAN WALK (Rickaby) and RUSTUM (Aurobinda) when negotiating half mile in 51 secs.

17 Left In For 2,000 Guineas

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the acceptances for the ninth day of the Bombay Winter Races to be held on Saturday, December 30.

THE SATARA PLATE—5 Furs.

Mayurdhvaj 9-3, Chakor 8-7, Solid Gold 8-7, Vienna Woods 9-3, High Ball 9-3, Para Day 8-7, Nishan 8-7, Avenger 8-7.

THE DECCAN PLATE—6 Furs.

Shubh Laxmi 9-2, The Duke 8-12, Dil-Ki-Bat 8-8, Magnificent 8-0, Khundil 8-4, Rustum 7-12, Flying Arrow 7-11, Sweetie Shah 7-9.

THE AGRA PLATE—Div. II—1 Mile.

Diamond Cave 9-4, All-in-All 9-4, Rabalto 8-9, Odds Again 8-9, Flying Banner 8-4, Al Mohalab 8-4, Harlem Day 8-1, Way Out 8-1, Choppy 7-11, Marvel 7-10, Don't Roast 7-8, Sultana 7-8, Pyare Saheb 7-0, Miss Pop 7-8, Tarrick 7-7, Clementine 7-5, Mexico 7-5.

THE PUNJAB PLATE—1¼ Mile

Gitanjali 9-4, Oases 9-2, Fashion Parade 8-12, Loyal Prince 8-12, Nature Boy 8-11, Striding Edge 8-8, Lalaji 8-8, Army and Navy 8-8, Triple Alliance 8-4, Dry Day 8-3, V. Day 8-3, Desert Hawk 8-2, Indian Port 7-13, Brilliant Sunshine 7-4, Parker Prince 7-0, Miss Rutty 7-0, Pyare Saheb 7-0, Mimma 7-0.

THE INDIAN 2,000 GUINEAS—1 Mile

National Flag 8-11, Maharaj Pramukh 8-11, Nava Ratna 8-8, Dil-Ki-Bat 8-11, The Duke 8-11, Orion 8-11, Gold Street 8-11, Samurai 8-11, Golden Orb 8-11, Triumph 8-11, Aawaz 8-11, Philsooph 8-11, Sangram 8-11, Gold Spa 8-11, Prometheus 8-11, Glory of India 8-11, Silver Pylon 8-11.

THE STEWARDS CUP—1¼ Mile

Gold Spa 9-3, Bihari 8-6, Taslaroon 9-2, Prospero 8-10, Panditji 8-10, Pessu Pasha 8-10, Kotidhwaj 8-8, Wet Bob 8-8, Princessa 8-4, Put All 8-1, Pan Supari 7-13, Makarpura 8-1, Dominate 7-12, D. Day 7-12, Golden Square 7-10, Passing Bell 7-7, Nasrullah 7-6, King's Star 7-4.

THE KALABAGH PLATE—1¼ Mile

Prince Ajit 9-2, Brave Prince 9-1, Mansoor Beg 8-11, Rana Pratap 8-11, Beldara 8-6, Summer Lightning 8-6, New Moon 8-2, Gang Bhup 8-1, Der-Nue-Way 8-1, Rajput Warrior 7-9, Rao Saheb 7-0.

THE AGRA PLATE—Div. I 1 Mile.

Sajan 9-4, Ballynahinch 9-0, Casanova 8-12, Chanchal 7-4, Paper Crown 8-11, Ali Janab 8-10, Gipsy Flower 8-8, Glamour Boy 8-7, Botticelli 8-7, Solar Song 8-0, Rita 7-0.

Bank Employees' Grievances

APPEAL TO OBSERVE "PROTEST DAY"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 28 (PTI).

Mr. Saumendranath Tagore of the All-India Bank Employees' Association has appealed to the bank employees in this country to observe January 6, as a protest day and a token strike on February 14.

Mr. Tagore in a statement issued yesterday said that the Central Committee of the Association in a resolution adopted this month had decided that it was necessary to register a strong protest against the retrenchment that was taking place in variods banks.

Mr. Tagore appealed to the bank employees to rally round Association and make the protest effective.

STOCKS OF INDIAN SUGAR

Kanpur Institute Director's Report

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (PTI).—The opening stock, production, despatches and the closing stock of sugar in respect of central sugar factories in the Indian Republic during the fortnight ending November 30, 1950, were 1,598,000 maunds 1,107,000 maunds, 502,000 maunds, and 2,203,000 maunds, respectively, reports the Director, Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur. The figures for the corresponding fortnight of the previous season were 725,000 maunds, 287,000 maunds, 307,000 maunds, and 705,000 maunds, respectively.

Figures for the current fortnight relate to 131 factories, representing 94.82 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity while the figures of the previous year relate to 123 factories representing 90.5 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity.

The total figures for the production and despatches of sugar since November 1, 1950, are reported to be 1,186,000 maunds and 1,326,000 maunds, respectively as against the corresponding figures of 390,000 maunds and 783,000 maunds during the previous season.

Production of sugar for the season 1950-51 prior to November 1950, amounted to 47,000 maunds.

BOGRA MINORITIES MEET DR. MALIK

Plea For Speedy Restoration Of Requisitioned Houses

BOGRA (East Bengal), Dec. 28 (PTI): Dr. A. M. Malik, Pakistan's Minister for Minority Affairs, arrived here today from Dacca on a four-day tour of the district.

The Minister received a deputation of the minority community led by Mr. N. C. Chakravorty in the afternoon.

The deputation apprized the Minister of the conditions prevailing in the district and told him that although many houses belonging to the minority community had been de-requisitioned and restored to the owners after the Delhi Pact, it was necessary that more houses should be released and handed over to returning migrants.

The Minister was informed that more than eighty per cent of the Hindus who had left the district had already returned to their homes.

Dr. Malik will leave the district headquarters on a tour of the interior early tomorrow morning and will return here in the afternoon to address a public meeting.

Britain To Urge Restoration Of Japanese Sovereignty

LONDON, Dec. 28. (UPI): Following the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference, Britain is expected to propose that the thirteen nations, members of the Far East Commission, should end the state of war with Japan.

As an interim step towards restoring Japanese sovereignty, this would help Japan to negotiate trade pacts in with other countries on equal basis. Such a solution is deemed urgent by Britain now that the Korean war prevents early conclusion of a peace treaty.

RECORD RUBBER BUYING BY U.S.

Move Towards Stock Piling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (PTI). The United States rubber industry established records in 1950 for consumption, production and price.

By the end of October, the United States had already used 1,048.558 tons of new rubber—synthetic and natural.

This was more than 27 per cent above the 820,885 tons used in the same period of 1949 and was more tonnage than many had expected for the entire year.

Mr. W. S. Lockwood, Director of the Natural Rubber Bureau estimated that final figures for the year would show American consumption at 1,250,000 tons. Of this about 715,000 tons would be natural and 535,000 tons synthetic.

By November 1, rubber growers in Malaya and other areas had produced more than 1,500,000 tons. The Natural Rubber Bureau estimated that the figures for the full year would be about 8,850,000 tons.

Total production in 1949 was 1,487,500 tons and the previous all time peak of 1,600,000 tons was in 1941.

HEAVY U. S. BUYING

LONDON: An announcement of American plans of heavy buying of natural rubber is expected this week. It is understood, buying will begin almost immediately from Malaya and other rubber producing countries by big American rubber companies as agents of the General Services Administration which is now replaced by the Federal Supply Bureau. This will come before the Commonwealth stockpiling project can be decided by the Commonwealth Premiers Conference.

HOARDING BANNED IN U. S. A.

55 Items Listed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): The National Production Authority today banned hoarding of fifty-five scarce materials essential to defence and civilian production.

The order made it illegal for businessmen, consumers or householders to accumulate these products in excess of "reasonable demands".

It also specifically prohibited acquiring the products for resale at prices above prevailing market prices—a provision aimed against "black marketing".

The items include cement, softwood, lumber, and plywood, paper and paperboard, cast iron pipe and a long list of metals and chemicals.

Any violation of the order is punishable with a fine up to ten thousand dollars and a year's imprisonment.

BRITISH BANS

LONDON: Britain today banned the use of zinc, brass, copper and copper alloys in the manufacture of a wide range of "non-essential" goods.

From February 1, use of these metals will be prohibited in architectural and decorative work, most household appliances and domestic utensils, electrical accessories and a long list of other luxury and non-essential items.

Zinc oxide for paint manufacture is also to be drastically curtailed.

M.P. PATIL TO TOUR KARWAR

(From Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, Dec. 28.

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests, Bombay is scheduled to undertake a three-day tour in the Karwar District, from December 30, to January 2, 1951. In the course of his tour the Minister will visit the Indoor and Ramapur Agricultural colonies, hold a discussion with the members of the Executive Committee of the Karwar District Rural Development Board, visit the Jog Falls, attend the Agricultural School function and visit the Agricultural Farm at Kumta. He will also preside over a Conference of Revenue and Forest Officers at Sirsi on December 31.

RED ACTIVITIES REVIVED

Communists have revived their activities in Karwar. For about three years, since the externment of the local Communist leaders frohm this District the Kisan Sangh a peasant orgnisation started by them, was inactive. With the lifting of the restrictions imposed on them by the Government of Bombay, following the recent High Court decision these Communists have started their activities among the agricultural classes. It is learnt that they are exhorting the peasants not to pay the rents due to their landholders. Land-holders have become anxious as a consequence of this propaganda.

TACKLING SAURASHTRA PROBLEMS

Eleven-Man Committee Appointed

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28 (PTI).—Mr. Kanaiyalal Desai, President of the Gujerat Congress Committee has appointed an Eleven-Man Committee today, including Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Chief Minister of Saurashtra, to deal with problems peculiar to Saurashtra which has been under the G.P.C.C. even before its formation into a Union.

The Executive Committee of the G.P.C.C. which authorised the President to appoint the Committee stated in a resolution that "Saurashtra being a separate administrative unit, its problems were separate from those of the other districts under the G.P.C.C., and required a separate treatment."

Menzies Meets Liaquat

KARACHI, Dec. 28. (PTI): Mr. Robert Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, who arrived here last night from Delhi for a two-day visit, met Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister, this morning and spent an hour with him.

CITY MARKETS

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 28

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed today.

General feeling was bullish and Tata Steel Defds. opened at about Rs. 1935 and improved at Rs. 1942-8.

Private business was close as under:—

Tata Steel Defd. 1938/12 1931/4 1941/4 1940 1938/12 1932/8 1915/-

Indian Iron 33/4 33/6 33/14 33/12.

Dyeing 1072/8 1070.

Kohinoor 351 353 354 353/8.

Scindia 17/6 17/7.

Copper 3/5/6.

I. Steam 7/12.

Hind Motor 6/8.

Bengal Steel 24/-.

GOLD AND SILVER

Further Rise In Prices On Speculative Buying

BOMBAY, Dec. 28

The local Bullion market was again firm with a further rise in quotations of both Gold and Silver.

The market is manipulated by bull operators and short being badly caught prices are reaching higher levels. The general feeling continues bullish on fears of war.

At the opening Forward Silver was quoted at Rs 189 and declined at Rs. 188-12 on scattered long liquidation. At this level there was renewed speculative buying and the market sharply advanced at Rs. 189-8 and steadied at Rs. 189-4. Ready Mint Silver was quoted at Rs. 189 while Spot Bullion was priced at Rs. 188-12.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 113-8 and declined at Rs. 113-6 under small profit-taking but sharply advanced rupee one at Rs. 114-6 on heavy buying and steadied at Rs. 114-2. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 113-14 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76-8.

Later on there was increased selling and the market finally closed as under:-

Ready Silver	....	187 3	0
Forward	....	188 0	0
Ready Gold	....	112 3	1
Forward	....	113 1	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 28.

2-1/2% 1954	.....	98 13	0
2½% 1955	.....	99 8	0
2½% 1961	.....	96 4	0
2-3/4% 1960	.....	98 8	0
2-3/4% 1962	.....	98 4	0
2-3/4% 1976	.....	94 0	0
3% 1986 Con.	.....	93 1	6
3% 1951-54	.....	101 1	0
3% 1953-55	.....	101 7	0
3% 1957	.....	100 5	0
3% 1959/61	.....	99 11	0
3% 1963/65	.....	97 15	0
3% 1959/65	.....	99 12	0
3% 1966/68	.....	97 13	0
3% 1964	.....	98 15	0
3% 1970/75	....	96 15	0
3% 1960/70	....	109 0	0
4½% 1955/60	.....	109 2	0
4½% 1954/59	....	103 14	0
4½% 1958/68	.....	112 4	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3% Bombay 1962	.....	99 2	0
3% Bombay 1960	.....	99 4	0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	.....	96 12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	.....	96 12	0
3% Bombay 1955	.....	100 8	0
3% Bombay 1958	.....	100 4	0
3% Punjab 1952	.....	101 8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	....	100 6	0
3% U.P 1952	....	100 8	0
3% C.P 1952	.....	100 8	0
3% N.W.F 1952	.....	100 0	0
3% U.P 1961/66	.....	99 2	0

MUNICIPAL

4% B.P.L.	.....	108 4	0
4% B Municipality	....	108 0	0
5% B Municipality	....	113 0	0
5% B Municipality 1954	..	112 0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec 28

Groundnuts Khandesh	Rs.	47 8	0
Groundnuts Madras	.....	47 4	0
Groundnuts Bold	.....	46 8	0
Groundnut Oil:—			
Local Mills	.....	25 8	0
Rail Receipts	.....	25 0	0
January	.....	24 12	0
Linseed Bold	.....	44 0	0
Linseed Satna	.....	42 0	0
Linseed Oil	.....	23 0	0
Castorseeds	.....	50 8	0

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA Dec. 27.

KARNAK	ASMOUNI
Jan 135.60+640	
Mar. 137.75+605	Feb. 128.35+225
May 137.75+600	Apr. 129.90+260
July 137.75+550	Jun. 130.40+210

Amsterdam Stocks Move Upward

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.

After early hesitancy prices moved higher. Indonesians were singled out for special favour. Royal Dutch were in small demand while the new Royal Dutch Loan was quoted today for the first time at 109-1/4.

London Copra Firm And Oil Steady

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The copra market was firm but quiet with Straits/DEI FM delivered weight £109-1/4 bid, £110 asked. Philippines bulk 265 dollars bid and Ceylon FMS indicated £112 all per ton cif December January shipments.

The coconutoil market was steady with Straits in drums £161, in bulk £157, Ceylon in drums £162, in bulk £157, all sellers per ton CIF January February, Palmoil Liberian £110 quoted, palmoil Malayan £125 nominal per ton CIF, rapeoil Chinese and palm kernel oil both unoffered.

Singapore Pepper Prices

SINGAPORE, Dec. 27.

The pepper market was steady today with black lampong at 570 and white muntok 985 compared with 565 and 980 respectively previously, all sellers ex-godown Straits dollars per picul.

AMERICAN MARKETS

Yearend Tax Purposes Selling In N. Y. Cotton

GENERAL RECOVERY IN WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

Prices drifted lower under the weight of scattered hedging and liquidation which encountered scaledown mill buying of old crops with the limited demand evidently reflecting the current inactivity of spot cotton and the Worth Street goods market.

Far distants continued under light pressure attributed partly to favourable weather in the south for controlling Boll Weevil and the prospects of a large crop next season. Meanwhile the majority of traders are holding off pending clarification of the price control situation in Washington with some inclined to evenup commitments before the year end.

In the afternoon old crops reacted sharply under a flurry of New Orleans selling and local liquidation which disclosed a temporary absence of trade support. Some selling was associated with year-end tax purposes. On the other hand new crops attracted scattered commission house support. The session closed steady with sales at 150,000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

	New York	New Orleans
March	42.88	42.72
May	42.30	42.23
July	41.82	41.74
October	38.81	38.75
Middling spot	44.00	42.85

New York Cotton highest March 43.02 at 10-04, lowest 42.74 at 12-39.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

Modest recovery tendencies developed in quicker trading aided by some good business news and reports that the President was not expected to ask Congress for new taxes next month. Gains were mostly of fractions to one dollar or more. Sugar responded to the news that the United States had set the 1951 sugar supply quota at eight million tons which will maintain the present heavy reserves and permit unrestricted consumption by the industry and the public.

Televisions were higher on the news that the sales slump in receivers had ended and sales again were mounting. At noon the averages were: Industrials 233.15 and rails 76.78. Though activity tended to lessen prices managed to extend advances over a broad front to put the averages near the 1950 highs.

Gains were mostly of fractions to two dollars or more. The market gains additional ground and finished with advances mostly of fractions to three dollars. The session closed firm. American Tel. and Tele-

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

graph	.....	150-3/4
Amerex Holding	.....	42
Anaconda Copper	.....	40
Chase National Bank	.....	36-3/8
Firestone Tyre	.....	80-7/8
General Electric	.....	48-7/8
General Motors	.....	47
Ingersole Rand	.....	79 bid
International Nickel	.....	36
National City Bank	.....	45-3/4
New York Central Rail-Road	.....	21-3/4
Sinclair Oil	.....	34
Socony Vacuum	.....	24-7/8
Texas Co.	.....	80-1/2
Union Carbide	.....	55-1/8
U.S. Smelting	.....	54-3/4
U. S. Steel Common	.....	41-1/2
Western Union	.....	40-7/8

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,930,000 shares.

The highest and lowest of U. S. Steel trading prices were 41-1/2 and 40-3/4 respectively.

SHIPPING NEWS

Movements of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., steamers will be as under:—

DUE TO ARRIVE

S. S. Pacific Unity from Calcutta for loading for U. K./Cont. on 8th January.

S. S. Jalakanya from U. K./Cont. on or about 12th January.

EXPECTED TO SAIL

T. S. S. Jal-Jawahar for U.K./Cont. with passengers and General cargo on 31st December.

S. S. Pacific Unity for U.K./Cont. on 13th January.

London Pepper Market Quiet And Steady

LONDON, Dec 27.

The pepper market was quiet but steady. Black lampong December-January shipment was quoted nominally at 10sh. 6d. White muntok at 17sh. 10-1|2d. shipping weight with White Sarawak at 18sh. 6d. delivered weight all per pound cif. basis ports. Malabar afloat was 1325 to 1400 shillings according to position, December shipment 1300, January 1250 and March 1160 shillings per cwt. cif. United Kingdom.

LAC CROP ESTIMATE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28 (PTI): According to final estimates of the Indian Lac Cess Committee, the katki lac crop in India for the year 1950 is expected to be 2,09,500 maunds. This is 19,000 maunds less than the preliminary estimate of 2,28,500 maunds.

The normal total yield of this crop in India, calculated on the basis of average for ten years preceding 1939 is 2,97,000 maunds the main reason for reduction in the final estimate of the current year is attributed to scanty arrivals in the assembling markets of the State of Bihar where the yield is now expected to be 65,500 maunds as against 92,000 maunds previously estimated. The yield in West Bengal, however, appears to be in the neighbourhood of 10,000 maunds which is larger than the quantity expected.

SALE OF MAJOLIA SUGAR

KANPUR, Dec. 27.

Following the recent announcement by the Food Minister in the Parliament regarding partial decontrol of sugar some activity was noticed in Indian sugar markets says the Sugar Market report for the week ending December 23 issued by the Director, Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur, yesterday.

During the week under review the sugar market remained dull at Ambala. Controlled sugar market remained unchanged in Delhi. An advance deal of about a thousand bags of Majolia sugar is reported to have been effected at Kanpur by an Assam firm for April delivery. This announcement made speculators active in Calcutta. A number of inquiries are reported to have been made there in this connection.

Due to improved arrivals, the prices of gur have declined to some extent at Ambala. There was a heavy arrival to the extent of sixty-thousand maunds of gur at Meerut, and the demand from all consuming centres was also heavy.

Due to unavailability of gur at the ceiling price, there was no wholesale deal at Kanpur and gur received by carts and lorries was sold in retail market. In Calcutta the arrivals of gur were poor so the prices advanced considerably, gur was not at all available in the Madras market with the wholesale dealer. In the Bombay market the premium rates were reduced on account of good arrivals at Kolhapur. If arrivals are not reduced it is anticipated that normal trade at the controlled rate will function very soon.

CHICAGO GRAINS FIRM

Possibility Of Damage To Wheat Crop

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.

The undertone strengthened with all deliveries at or near the season's highest on trade demand reflecting the possibility of damage to the new winter wheat crop owing to cold weather and lack of protective snow covering. Private advices indicated that the crop was making poor progress as a result of the prolonged dry spell.

The advance attracted profittaking and hedges with the latter associated with more liberal cash wheat offerings in the southwest recently. The market eventually reacted sharply on a report that the United Kingdom has temporarily withdrawn from the United States wheat and maize market.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.

Mar.	.....	2.45-3/8
May	.....	2.44-1/2
July	.....	2.41-1/2
September	....	2.42-1/4

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, Dec. 27.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£70 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	96 1/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960-90	107 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after December 1, 1952	94 1/8
Chartered Bank	8 13/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	79 1/2
National Bank of India	32

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 4,048.

Mixed Feeling On Brussels Exchange

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27.

The overall tendency was mixed. In forward dealings, Union Miniere were again favoured while Canadians declined in sympathy with Wall Street and rubbers eased despite the firmness of the commodity at the source. In cash trading, colonials ruled firm and collieries eased. The rest of the list was narrowly irregular although there were several firm spots.

New York Pepper Moderately Lower

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

Black pepper was quiet and moderately lower with buyers holding off seeking lower levels owing to the uncertainty of price control. Sellers lowered price ideas in the hope of stimulating interest but bids were still running three to five cents below asking levels. Spot pepper was offered at 158 cents December shipment at 156 January shipment at 150 March shipment at 141 per pound ex-dock.

Today's closing prices: Black spot 1.58 dollars asked, Old Contract: December 1.60 nom. January 1.50 nom February 1.45 nom. March 1.40 nom. sales nil. New Contract: December 1.65 asked January 1.55 nom. February 1.45 nom. March 1.40 nom. sales nil White spot 2.75 asked.

N. Y. Silver Sales

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

SILVER: Sales totalled 200,000 ounces at unchanged price.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet Conditions

LONDON, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): Very little serious attempt to extend trading was made in the London stock exchange today. Lacking lead from political or economic field, quiet conditions are expected to continue to the end of account on Tuesday next.

Nevertheless firmness was fairly widespread. In industrial section iron and steel shares encountered steady provincial buying and moved slightly higher while small support enabled oil shares to recover some of yesterday's losses.

In foreign section German and Greek loans were fractionally higher on receipt of small inquiry but Japanese were hesitant and uncertain. British Government stocks were colourless apart from little buying of medium dateds.

Coppers were bright. Local support was encouraged by overnight firmness in Wall Street and some useful gains were recorded. Selected kaffirs and diamonds improved.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

All Sections Firm

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28 (PTI): The Calcutta Stock Exchange today ruled firm round all sections and a large business as put through.

(N.B.): The Calcutta Stock Exchange will remain entirely closed on Saturday the 30th December 1950 on account of the yearly closing of bank accounts.

The following are today's final transactions upto three p.m.

Govt. Securities: Three per cent loan 1986 93/2, three per cent loan 1951/54 100/15 s.o.l., three per cent loan 1957 100/6, three per cent loan 1963/65 99/2 s.l., four per cent loan 1960/70 108/8 s.l., three per cent loan 1970/75 96/9;

Banks: Calcutta National 13/4, Imperial fully paid 1972/8 c.d.;

Cottons: New Victoria 2/7, ditto pref 4/4;

Coals: Bengal 560/-, Bhalgora 8/12, Burrakur 15/-, East Indian 45/14, Equitable 51/- c.t., Raneegunge 9/9, South Karanpura 77/13, Western Bengal 7/-;

Jutes: Anglo-India 289/- s.l., Gondalpara 1,000/-, Howrah Jute 36/4, India 208/-, Presidency 6/13, Reliance 24/10;

Engineerings: Braithwaite and Co. 10/-, Indian Iron 33/11, Jessop and Co. 19/14, Kumardhubi Eng. 7/12, Marshalls 9/6, Saran Eng. 9/13, Steel Corp. 24/6;

Miscellaneous: Burma Corp. 2/11, Indian Copper 3/7, Tavoy Tin -/14/-, Assam Bengal Cement 8/8, Dalmia Cement 5/-, Sone Valley 7/10, Calcutta Electric 15/14, Angelo Bros. 5/-, Bharat Airways 3/4, British India Corp. 9/11, F. and C. Osler 5/6, Indian Cable 22/12 Indian National Airways 4/5, Martin Burn 17/6, Metal Corp. 6/3, National Tobacco 19/9, Rohtas Industry 5/11, British Burma Petrol 1/10, India Paper Pulp 172/-, Star Paper 5/1, Titaghur Paper 29/6, India General Navgn. 95/-, India Steamship 7/8;

Sugars: Belsund 7/11, Carew and Co. 10/2, Champaran 26/8, Murree Brewery 5/3;

Teas: Choonabhutti 290/-, Hantapra 202/-, Namburnadi 10/-.

Statement Of Cotton Pressed In India

(Running Bales)

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

	Week ending 8th Dec. 1950	Week ending 8th Dec. 1949	1st Sept. to 8th Dec. 1950	1st Sept. to 8th Dec. 1949
Madras	440	2261	25541	30667
Bombay excluding merged states	..	..	2804	5614
West Bengal	145	..	377	17
Uttar Pradesh	..	..	..	451
Punjab	8853	8317	26310	52902
Ajmer	345	1265	579	7310
Kutch	..	..	339	374
Rajasthan	563	330	3058	4180
Hyderabad	..	..	13651	25620
Mysore	..	..	2782	2878
Total	10346	12173	75441	130013

Indian Cotton Figures

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

	Bales.
Export by Rail from 1st September to 21st December '50,	126183
Estimated Mill consumption in Bombay from 1st September to 21st December 1950 ..	222250
Same period last year	286214
Estimated Stock of raw cotton held by Exporters, Dealers and Mills in Bombay on 21st December 1950	338887
Same time last year	299827

Settlement Rates For Delivery Produce Contracts

The Committee of the grains and oilseeds merchants have fixed the following rates for the settlement of outstanding contracts:—

GROUNDNUTS

	Bold	Madras	Khandesh
December	45 8	46 4	46 8
January	45 8	46 4	46 8
February	45 12	46 8	46 12

CASTERSEEDS

	Bold	Small	Madras
December	43 8	45 12	47
January	——	45 12	46
Feb. March	——	44 4	44 4

LINSEED

	Bold	Satna	Small
Dec. Jan.	43 8	42	40 12
Feb. March	43 8	42	40 12
April May	42 12	41 4	41

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, December 28.

120	Ready Japan	9 2	0
150	Ready Japan	9 2	0
120	Ready Italy	8 6	0
150	Ready Italy	8 5	0
150	D. Box January	1590 0	0
150	D. Box February	1585 0	0

The market will remain closed tomorrow being Patel Day.

MADRAS STOCK MARKET

MADRAS, Dec. 28 (PTI): Following are today's quotations in the Madras stock market:

Government of India loans: Three per cent paper 93/-, ditto 1986 93/1, ditto 1970/75 96/14;

Government of Travancore loan: Three per cent 1952/54 101/6;

Government of Madras loan: Three per cent 1960 98/10;

BANKS: Travancore 12/14.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 3/2, Chandramalai 3/0/6, Chembra 5/5, Cochin Malabar 8/11, Coffee Lands 13/-, Cons Coffee 22/14; Coonoor Tea 24/14, Coorg Tea 7/5, Devashola 17/4, Highland Produce 27/12, Kailas 2/7, Kalpetta 24/2, Malankara 70/-, Midland 9/4, Neelamalai 3/15, Nelliampathy 1/14/6, Neerugundi 5/10, Nilgiri Tea 12/4, Ouchterlony 8/4, Pullangode 2/5/6, Rajagiri 7/11, Rajagiri Pref. 7/6, Sheveroy 1/10/6, Talayar Tea 6/3, Thirumbadi 3/12, T R and Co. 8/14, Vaikundam 14/5, United Nilgiri 240.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Woollen 280, Buckingham 147/12, ditto Pref. 190, Cambodia 13/2, Coimbatore C M 180, ditto Pref. 180, Coimbatore Pioneer 121, Coimbatore Spg. 56, Lakshmi 86, Madura 36/8, Mettur 387/8, Radhakrishna 154, Rajalakshmi 90/12, Ranga Vilas 59, Trav. Rayons 5/8, Trichnopoly 14/4, Vasanta 133/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 73, F A C T 7/10, India Cement 15/14, Indian Steel Rolling 8/4, Mettur Chem. 6/12, Mysore Chem. Fert. 9/14.

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

Ahmedabad Stock Exchange was officially closed today but Defd. Calico and Atul were privately quoted at 1936 336 and 103 respectively.

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES LTD.

The Directors' report of the Associated Cement Companies Ltd for the year ended July 1950 is as under:—

The year's working after meeting all expenses of operation and management, and after allowing for Depreciation and Taxation, shows a profit of Rs. 1,62,46,373.

To this has to be added the balance brought forward form last year's account Rs. 2,57,564, making a total of Rs. 1,65,03,937.

Out of which the following sums have been appropriated:—To Works Welfare and Benefit Fund, Rs. 26,073, To Reserve for Plant Reinstatement Rs. 45,00,000, To Reserve for Contingencies Rs. 10,00,000, To Bonus to Employees (with the previous year's balance of Rs. 31,528 the total Bonus Provision will be Rs. 17,61,528) Rs. 17,30,000, making a total Rs. 72,56,073.

This leaves a balance of Rs. 92,47,864, from which the Directors recommend payment of a Dividend, Free of Income-tax, for the year ended 31st July, 1950, at the rate of Rs. 8-8-0 per share Rs. 89,80,356, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,67,508, to be carried forward to next year's account.

As a result of steady progress in the expansion programme of the Company and of the substantial improvement in transport facilities, both production and offtake have increased materially, which has yielded a satisfactory quantum of profits.

Due to efficient manufacture and distribution of our product and increase in sales, it has been possible to continue the public price of cement at the present level.

The new factory at Sevalia is in the final stage of its construction and is expected to come into operation in a few months' time. Extensions to the Lakheri and Wah factories are proceeding according to schedule, and the increased production will begin to come into operation from about April next year. The modernisation of the Dwarka Works is progressing according to plan, and is expected to be completed by about the end of next year. Recently, your Directors decided to modernise and expand the Shahabad Works also, and preliminary steps in that behalf have already been taken. The triplication of the Bhupendra Works of The Patiala Cement Company, Ltd., is nearing completion and part of the extra output is expected to be available early next year. All the other units of the Company have been kept in good repair and their efficiency maintained.

By Agreement dated 14th January 1937, Cement Agencies, Ltd., were appointed Managing Agents of this Company for a period of 15 years ending 31st July, 1951. In terms of Clause 1, the Agreement could be renewed, with or without modification or variation, with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution of the Company, and a Resolution for their appointment as Managing Agents for a term of 15 years from 1st August, 1951, will be submitted to the Meeting. There are a few changes from the present Agreement.

AMERICA NEEDS A FRIENDLY CHINA

Henry Wallace On Need For Proper Approach

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, former Vice-President of the United States said yesterday America desperately needed a friendly China because "Russia and China in complete accord can eventually dominate the world"

Writing on long-range United States policies in the Far East in the bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Mr. Wallace said United Nations with both Russia and China as members should help East Asia in Agricultural reform and industrial expansion.

The former Progressive Party leader said Asia was inevitably headed towards "tremendous agricultural reforms and industrial expansion.

She will not remain subservient to those who help her whether they be Russian or American."

North Korean Fronts Under Chinese Reds

MACARTHUR'S NOTE TO U. N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR in two reports to the United Nations covering November said yesterday that the Chinese Communists had now apparently taken over direct responsibility for the whole of the North Korean front and sent the Koreans to Manchuria for training.

The General said: "At present the only significant military power now confronting the United Nations forces in Korea is Communist China.

"No pretext of minor support under the guise of volunteerism or other subterfuge now has the slightest validity. irrefutable facts prove that the Chinese Communist Regime has directed an invasion of Korea and an assault against the United Nations forces."

Douglas MacArthur

General MacArthur confirmed that United Nations planes attacking south of the Manchurian border had drawn anti-aircraft fire from guns on the Manchurian side and added: "This hostile action has been conducted with impunity as the result of the scrupulous efforts of the United Nations to maintain inviolate the border.

"The Communists practise this conscienceless derision of justice and peace from their bases of aggression protected solely by the barrier imposed by the democracies' desire to prevent an expansion of the arena of conflict."

GUERILLA MENACE

Both reports referred to the menace of guerilla operations behind the United Nations lines. The guerilla forces were estimated from 30,000 to 35,000 and it was said there was evidence that their activities were controlled by the Communist High Command.

General MacArthur estimated that during the period under review almost a third of the United Nations troops in Korea were employed against the guerillas to protect supply lines.

One report estimated that "complete organised" Chinese Communist units totalling more than five Chinese Communist armies with a strength of approximately 250,000 already crossed into North Korea and attacked United Nations forces.

General MacArthur reported that about thirty-five thousand people, mostly non-combatants were estimated to have been victims of "unbelievable atrocities" by North Koreans.

An organisation had been established to investigate and detain people suspected and accused of "war crimes."

In his second report, General MacArthur said there had been a decrease in war crimes and suggested that the Communists had possibly been influenced by the threat of post-war punishment.

Search For Scone Stone Continues

LONDON, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter).

POLICE mounted guard over the Coronation Stone at Kingston on Thames Surrey yesterday following the disappearance of the Scone Coronation Stone from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day.

Last March, the Kingston Stone on which seven Saxon Kings are believed to have been crowned was guarded for a week after Scottish Nationalists were reported to plan to damage or remove it. One theory advanced at that time was that an attempt would be made to remove it and hold it as ransom against the Scone Stone.

Police kept up their search of vehicles yesterday on the main routes to the north for the Westminster Abbey, but there was some belief that because of the great weight of the stone—458 pounds—and the difficulty of concealment it might still be in London.

Directing the chase was Chief Superintendent Tom Barratt of Scotland Yard who presided over the conference between high police chiefs and Westminster Abbey officials.

MARTA HERTOGH'S ORNAMENTS

KUALA, LUMPUR, Dec. 28 (UPI): With a list of ornaments she had given, to Marta Hertogh, the 13-year old Dutch girl, Che Amink, her foster Malaya mother, recently called upon the Dutch Consul-General to claim back the ornaments.

The Dutch Consul-General assured her that the ornaments were in the custody of the Dutch Consul-General's office and would be returned to her in the presence of the police authorities to avoid any further complications.

Soviet Scientists For India

LONDON, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): A delegation from the Soviet Academy of Sciences left Moscow by air today for India for a jubilee congress of the Indian geologists, according to a Soviet News Agency message monitored in London.

The delegation, led by Professor Gerasim Bogomolov, included the Soviet geologists Professors Mikhail Varentsov and Ivan Tarasov. The congress marks the centenary of the Geological Survey of India.

HOW U. N. FORCES LEFT HUNGNAM

Race Against Snow And Storms

TOKYO, Dec 28 (PTI-Reuter).

The United States Commander of Amphibious Operations, Rear-Admiral James A. Doyle said today that his fleet raced against Christmas Day snow and stormy weather to evacuate the 100,000 United Nations troops from the Hungnam beachhead.

The last man was taken off the shell and bomb circled beachhead early in the afternoon of the 24th in what the American Navy calls the world's first amphibious landing in reverse.

Admiral Doyle who returned here yesterday said that at no time were the Chinese and North Koreans able to "dictate the course of events" during the withdrawal.

The Commander of the United Nations Fleet Vice-Admiral Charles T. Joy said he thought the beachhead could have been held indefinitely if it had been wanted.

He thought the overwhelming firepower of the ships guns and planes could hold any ten-mile radius of the perimeter.

The Chinese appeared on the ridges overlooking the beachhead just as the last American troops—about 250 men—were scrambling aboard the tank landing craft to join the main fleet.

A barrage from ships and planes was maintained throughout the next 16 hours while the armada set sail.

Admiral Doyle explained that his ships were disposed to lay a solid curtain of fire round the shrinking perimeter with two rocketkhips as a floating reserve to jump in whenever any one plane threatened a break through.

This reserve was never needed in combat although used at one time to warn thousands of refugees they were walking into a barrage.

STARSHELLS FIRED

The airforce pounded the Chinese and North Koreans during the day and warships fired thousands of starshells during the night to keep the no man's land in front of the perimeter fully illuminated.

Major-General Edward M. Almond, Commander of the Tenth Corps which evacuated Hungnam, said in a release from Korea today that the withdrawal was "potentially more arduous than an amphibious landing on enemy-held territory".

The United Nations did not have the advantage of surprise as in a landing, he said.

He added: "The enemy, who had us greatly outnumbered could easily figure out which way we would go and about when we would go. There was only one way to go—through Hungnam port".

Lt.-Col. Bowny in charge of demolitions in the Hungnam area said today that more than 150,000 rounds of explosives were used to delay the Communist advance and destroy material during the evacuation. The countryside rocked for days under a series of explosions.

ABOLITION OF RURAL RATIONING

Madras Takes First Step

MADRAS, Dec. 28 (PTI): The Madras Government have ordered the stoppage of procurement of foodgrains in the deficit districts of the State from January 1, next year.

According to an official spokesman, this will be the first step towards the gradual abolition of rural rationing in the State.

District collectors can abolish rationing in the villages provided the harvest and local conditions are satisfactory. The collectors will also arrange to open grain relief shops wherever necessity exists.

Chinese Recruits To Join Malaya Police Force

SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): Chinese recruits will join the ranks of Malaya's regular police tomorrow, for the first time in the history of the force, when 43 recruits will take part in a passing out parade at Kuala Lampur.

Hitherto Chinese have served in the Federation police force as plainclothes detectives.

One hundred more Chinese recruits are reported to be undergoing training.

Demand For Return Of Ahmediya Property

QADIAN, December 28 (PTI).—The three-day fifty-ninth annual jalsa of Ahmediyas which started at Qadian, sacred place of Ahmediya Muslims, yesterday, passed a resolution requesting the Government of India to return all Ahmediya property in Qadian, which had been declared evacuee property.

Dr. B R Ambedkar, Governments of India's Law Minister, inspected at Aurangabad the 160-acre site near Panichaki in Aurangabad for the new Siddarth College building, whose foundation stone will be laid at Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Republic in the early new year.

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CENSUS TABLES BY END OF 1951

SUPERINTENDENTS CONFER AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, December 28 (UPI)

THE main tables of the 1951 census will be published before the end of December next year. A decision to this effect was agreed to at the second meeting of the Census Superintendents Conference held here today under the chairmanship of Mr. R. A. Gopalaswami, Registrar-General and Census Commissioner.

The main tables of the next census will be of two kinds. The first general population tables, will give for the whole country and each state, its area, the number of villages and towns, occupied houses both in rural and urban areas, and the population according to sex: the variation in population during the last 50 years; towns and villages classified on the basis of population: towns classified by population with variation during the last 50 years; and towns arranged territorially with population divided into eight livelihood classes including agricultural and non-agricultural.

LIVELIHOOD CLASSES

The second will be the three economic tables giving tabulated data on livelihood classes and sub-classes, secondary means of livelihood and the number of employers, employees and independent workers classified according to industries and services based upon the new economic classification scheme. These economic tables form an important new feature of the next census which will reveal clearly the true shape and structure of the country's economy. In contrast with the previous census, the new economic tables, will classify the entire population, not according to caste and religion, but according to their means of livelihood

Other tables which will be brought out by the Census Authorities after the main tables would comprise social and cultural tables and household and age (sample) tables. The social and cultural tables will deal with displaced persons, migrants, non-Indian nationals, livelihood, classes by educational standards. Scheduled Castes and tribes, religion and language. The sample tables will give details of the size and composition of households, livelihood classes by age-groups, age and civil condition and age and literacy. Many of these tables will also be quite new as compared with the previous census.

TABULATION OFFICES

Steps to ensure the completion of the tabulation according to certain time schedules were discussed at today's conference. It was disclosed that about 55 tabulation offices would be set up very soon for the purpose of sorting out census slips and tabulating them.

It is expected that a staff of about 15,000 sorters, supervisors, etc., would be employed for about a year or more to undertake the work of sorting and tabulating the 20 and odd facts relating to 350 million citizens that would be collected during the enumerations of February next. A number of organisational and technical problems concerning this work were considered at the conference.

The conference which is being attended by about 15 Census Superintendents will meet again tomorrow to examine other items on the agenda.

BENGAL BOUNDARY DEMARCATION

Cease-Fire Ordered In Nadia District

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28. (PTI): The governments of West Bengal and East Bengal have, it is learnt, agreed to demarcate immediately the boundary near Mouzas Bhetupara and Betai in Tehatta P. S. in Nadia District (West Bengal) with a view to a settlement of the border incidents in this area.

Exchange of firing by Indian and Pakistan border police forces have been taking place in the area almost daily for the past four weeks over the harvesting and reaping of paddy crops from fields in Nadia District.

The demarcation will be made jointly by Directors of Land Records of the two governments who will also take up demarcation of the area near Joynagar in Bongaon sub-division of the 24-Parganas where some incidents occurred at the beginning of the year. The District Magistrates of Nadia (West Bengal) and Kushtia (East Bengal) have been asked by their respective governments to meet immediately.

Both governments, it is learnt, have imposed a cease-fire order in the border yesterday. No incident after this order has so far been reported.

Gunman's Widow Freed

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (PTI-Reuter): Orders have been given to free Mrs. Carmen Torresola, widow of one of the two Puerto Rican Nationalists shot in the assassination attempt on President Truman because the United States Attorney's office cannot produce competent evidence against her.

Twenty-two-year-old Mrs. Torresola, whose husband was slain by the President's guard, had been held for 51 days on a charge of conspiracy to injure the President.

BURMESE ENVOY TO RUSSIA

U Ohn Leaving For Leningrad

LONDON, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): The Burmese Ambassador to Britain, U Ohn, who has been appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union, expects to leave for Leningrad by sea early in January.

He is taking three members of his staff with him. He had planned to leave London at the end of this month but staff arrangements have caused the delay.

Tonight U Ohn was being entertained by the High Commissioner for Pakistan, Mr. H. Rahimtoola. Last night he was the guest of the High Commissioner for India, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon. Those present at the reception included the Russian, Polish, Czechoslovak and Indonesian Ambassadors and the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

Other farewell parties to U. Ohn have been given by the Italian Ambassador and the Saudi Arabian and Lebanese Ministers.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has also been his host.

GANDHI MEMORIAL BOOKS

The Indian Students' Association of the University of Washington recently presented to the University library more than 70 books on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Left to right at the presentation are V. C. Kashyap of Kashmir, former president of the association; James H. Davis, foreign students' adviser at the University; H. C. Bauer, director of the University's libraries; and Laveen Kanal of Jhansi, President of the Association.

CONSIDER ELECTIONS AS YOUR OWN

President's Advice At Jubbulpore

JUBBULPORE, December 28 (PTI)

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD, President, appealed to the people here today to co-operate with Government in the "mighty task" of holding the general elections.

The President, who was replying to a civic address presented by the municipality on behalf of the citizens of Jubbulpore this evening, advised the people to consider the general elections as their own work.

Dr. Prasad said that as adult franchise had been granted it would be the duty of those who would be casting their votes to think as to whom they should elect. Everything that would be done, whether good or bad, by persons returned to power after the elections would not only be the responsibility of those who ruled, but of the people who chose them.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that the world was now passing through a critical situation. It was difficult at present, for any country in the world to keep aloof from the tangle of war when the interest of one nation was closely knit with the other. The Government of India, he said, were endeavouring hard to prevent the world from falling into the fire of war. "Whatever might be the results, we will try to keep ourselves aloof."

FOOD PROBLEM

The country was in the grip of a serious food problem at the moment, said Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Due to natural calamities the surplus states this year had turned deficit. "This rendered our position more precarious."

The President advised the people not to feel nervous about the present food crisis. He called upon them to face it boldly.

The people should cultivate accommodating spirit in satisfying their needs. They should not depend on a particular type of food to which they were accustomed. They should supplement their diets by other available commodities. Waste of foodgrains should be avoided. Foodgrains should be preserved as a national need, the President said.

Dr. Prasad warned anti-social elements who might exploit the present position to their selfish interests.

Earlier the President was presented with an address of welcome. Seth Govind Das, Chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed the President on behalf of the citizens of Jubbulpore.

EARN WHILE LEARNING

Dr. Prasad expressed his great satisfaction while laying the foundation stone of Mahakoshal Mahavidyalaya's new building this afternoon as he felt that such institutions would be beneficial to the country.

Mahakoshal Mahavidyalya, said Dr. Prasad, had expanded like the human body which, with its growth in size, needed larger sized garments. Similarly, this college with its growth had been shifting from smaller to bigger buildings according to its requirements.

In this connection Dr. Prasad recalled Mahatma Gandhi's plan of basic education which suggested: "Earn while you learn." This was due to the fact that our country was poor both in wealth and literacy. It was difficult to sustain the burden of literacy with limited resources.

During the past twenty-four hours 6,183 Hindus and 2,969 Muslims arrived into West Bengal from Eastern Pakistan by rail and 7,363 Hindus and 2,626 Muslims left, states a West Bengal Government press note issued on Thursday.

NATIONALISING INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Hindi Sammelan Advises Change Of Medium

KOTAH, December 28 (PTI).

THE thirty-eighth session of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan called upon the Indian Universities today to adopt a system and a plan of education which might inculcate in the future graduates the spirit of national service and Indian culture and morality.

A resolution adopted by the Sammelan said only a change in the medium of instruction from English to Indian languages would nationalise the universities.

The Sammelan was of opinion that the system of education obtaining in the universities established during the British period was "incapable of fostering the spirit of nationalism and culture."

Speaking of the resolution, Mr Purshottamdas Tandon, former President of the Sammelan, said Hindi literature and Indian culture had been enriched by saints and scholars for ages and if the continuity of the heritage was to be maintained it was essential that the citizens of tomorrow were taught on the lines that were in conformity with the Indian conception of life and ideals.

Mr. Jaidev Gupta, a delegate from Kanpur, opposing the resolution, said that for the present state of affairs Indian universities as such were not to be blamed. They had served their purpose and created personalities who were respected in India and abroad.

The resolution was passed by a majority.

TECHNICAL WORDS

Of the two other resolutions moved from the chair, one called upon the Nagri Pracharini Sabha of Banaras to co-operate with the Sammelan in building up Hindi literature, and the other suggested to Government to afford facilities by way of concessional railway fare for delegates to the Sammelan as was done in the case of other historical and scientific organisations.

The most controversial resolution of the day, while welcoming the appointment of an Experts Committee by the Central Education Ministry to frame Hindi technical words said the personnel of the committee was unsatisfactory and unsuitable. The committee had on it not even one Hindi scholar or one who had experience of writing scientific subjects in Hindi, it added.

The resolution, put to vote after minor amendments, was passed by an overwhelming majority.

WORKERS 'DETAIN' LABOUR OFFICER

Gwalior Mill Strike Situation Worsens

GWALIOR, Dec. 28 (PTI).

THE strike situation in the local textile mill deteriorated last night when the remaining eight hundred workers of the spindles section of the mill joined their four hundred colleagues, who are on strike for the last two days protesting against certain experimental changes made by the mill authorities in the working of the section.

A labour officer, who went to the mills to appraise himself of the latest position, was 'detained' for about four hours by the strikers who wanted an on-the-spot decision from the officer. The officer was later let off on the assurance that he would try his best to get a speedy settlement of their dispute.

The Government authorities are 'neutral' upto now and are understood to be advising both parties to come to a settlement. But if the situation does not improve within a day or two, a lock-out may be declared by the mill management and the dispute referred to the industrial court for a decision.

U. K. PRESSMEN READY TO JOIN ASIAN BODY

Move To Form One Federation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (UPI): The National Union of Journalists of United Kingdom, a trade union with membership of 11,000, has agreed to federate with a federation of Asian journalists or a federation of Middle East countries and India. This information was conveyed by Rana Jang Bahadur Singh, President of the Delhi Union of Journalists, who has returned to India after contacting journalists bodies in U.K. and other European countries as a representative of the Federation of Indian Working Journalists.

Mr. Jang Bahadur Singh, who was addressing a meeting of the Delhi Union of Journalists, further said that the Pakistan Union of Journalists was considering a proposal that a federation of the unions of India, Pakistan and Egypt be formed for the present as a nucleus of the Federation of Asian Journalists. Mr. Singh was also assured by the members of the Indian Journalists Association in London that they were prepared to join the Federation of Indian Working Journalists in their individual capacity. The question of affiliation of the Indian Journalists' Association to Federation of Indian Working Journalists was also reported to be under their active consideration. Mr. Singh found that in every country where he went,—England, Holland, France, Switzerland and Italy,—there were strong trade unions of working journalists.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY DENOUNCED

Red Rallies In New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): America's Communists denounced the United States foreign policy at three public rallies during their 15-biennal party convention last night.

The rallies were in widely separated districts of New York city.

Mr. Benjamin J Davis, a former Negro city councilman and one of the 11 American Communist leaders convicted of conspiring to overthrow the Government, told a Negro audience that Chinese and Koreans had handed America its "greatest political setbacks ever."

This he said gave him double pride because American imperialists were suffering from "the very people they hate and despise".

Australia's 50th Birthday

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (UPI): Australia will celebrate on the new year's day its Golden Jubilee—its 50th birthday with a record of imposing growth and development, according to a press note issued by the Australian High Commissioner's office in India.

Fifty years ago, with Queen Victoria's signature on the royal assent, on January 1, 1901, Australia became a Commonwealth a single federated nation.

An important feature of the celebrations will be a visit to Australia by many notable overseas personalities during the year. It is hoped that the Prime Ministers of other British Commonwealth countries will also attend the celebrations.

ARTISTS SHOULD BE POLITICALLY FREE

Mr. Gokak's View

BOMBAY, Thursday: The first and fundamental duty of the artist in free India was to bring out the soul of India by concentrating himself on the sublimation of the human personality, observed Principal V. K. Gokak addressing the P.E.N. this evening at the Town Hall.

He added that this objective could be achieved if only the artist freed himself from political conflicts in the country. The artist should refuse to subscribe to the political ideologies clamouring for his allegiance.

The Principal called upon the artists to bring about a social revolution in the country, whose population showed a lack of civic sense. It was the task of the artist, he said, to sacrifice his interests and lead the people from ignorance to the vision of knowledge and wisdom.

Britain Resumes Ties With Spain?

LONDON, Dec. 28. (PTI-Reuter): Britain has asked the Spanish Government for its agreement to the appointment of a new ambassador to Madrid, usually well informed quarters believed in London today.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that news of the appointment of a British ambassador was likely within a few days.

The new ambassador is expected to be Sir John Balfour, present British ambassador to Argentina.

MYSORE CABINET CRISIS OVER

Dissidents To Withdraw Motion Against Reddy

BANGALORE, Dec. 28. (PTI): Sponsors of the no-confidence motion against the leader of the Mysore State Legislature Party have decided not to press it.

A special meeting of the party, before concluding its two-day session this evening, arrived at an arrangement under which the dissident members of the party would withdraw the no-confidence motion.

Later, Mr. K C Reddy, Leader and Chief Minister, announced to the members that although the no-confidence motion was withdrawn he felt that it was desirable to settle early the question of leadership of the party. He proposed to call a party meeting for the purpose on or before January 10. He would then seek its vote of confidence or adopt such other method to secure the same result.

As desired by the Central Parliamentary Board the leader of the party will report to that body immediately on the trend of discussion at the party meeting. The members will have also, in the meantime, the opportunity of meeting and consulting India's Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru who will be in Bangalore on January 1 and 2.

The Legislature Congress Party has a strength of 65 members and of these 35 had affixed their signatures to the no-confidence motion which was handed to the leader of the party, Mr. K C Reddy, on December 7. The special meeting of the party was convened as a sequel to this requisition, but the motion was not officially placed on the agenda, as prior advice of the Central Parliamentary Board should be sought before moving a vote of no-confidence against the Ministry. The Central Parliamentary Board had asked for further particulars before giving its advice.

On The Day Sardar Died

Pakistan Flag Over Daulatabad Fort

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 28 (UPI): Reports published in the local newspapers show that in Aurangabad the Pakistan flag was hoisted over the Doulatabad Fort by some police constables on hearing the news of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's death.

The police Circle Inspector Mr. Basu, rushed to the scene and lowered the flag, and took it in his possession. An enquiry is proceeding against the suspects.

RELIEF TO PRINTING PRESSES IN M. P.

No Sales Tax On Cost Of Service Rendered

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, (By Air).

THE State Government has decided that the Printing Presses should be treated as dealers only in so far as paper is concerned and that the cost of the service rendered, that is printing charges should be treated as free of Sales Tax.

Government have now issued instructions to all Sales Tax Officers that where the cost of paper and the cost of service have been shown separately in the bills, Sales Tax should be assessed on the value of the paper only and the cost of service should be free of tax. Where the cost of paper has not been shown separately, a fair estimate should be made and the dealers assessed to tax on it.

MEETING FOOD CRISIS

The Chief Minister, Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla convened a conference of the Deputy Commissioners of the juar producing centres to discuss as to how to meet the present food crisis in the State.

Juar crop in Berar is not expected to be above seven annas as against nine annas in a rupee last year. It is understood that the meeting discussed the question whether to continue procurement of juar in the juar producing centres when the procurement rate was Rs. 8 per md. as against Rs. 20 to 22 in the open market.

The Government is finding it very difficult to procure 75 per cent of the foodgrains due to abnormal rice in the open market. This has led to the foodgrains going underground. It was pointed out by some officials that if levy was withdrawn all the juar stocks would come in the market which would help greatly to ease the food situation. Continuation of procurement at Government rate, led to hoarding. At present there is no procurement of juar in Nagpur proper and whatever stocks are coming are purchased by the traders and sold at 1¼ payli (3¼ seers) per rupee as against 20 paylies in the pre-war days.

GUR: "There is many a slip between the cup and lip", is amply proved by the fact that five wagons of gur have arrived in the city but the people are not getting a chhatak of it. This is due to red tapism. The ceiling price of gur at Nagpur has been fixed at Rs. 22 without fixing any retail price. This has caused a crisis in the market. Wholesale merchants who had consigned the guar are not prepared to dispose of the same below the price fixed, thus leaving no margin for retailers. The retailers, on the other hand, have refused to purchase.

COTTON: Berar region is likely to be sealed off by the Textile Commissioner as prices of cotton are said to have gone much higher than the ceiling price. The punitive action that is being proposed is to withdraw all purchase facilities granted to the merchants and all the transactions will be effected through the nominees of the Textile Commissioner. Similar action has already been taken in Bombay and two areas have been sealed. This reported move had its repercussions in the Nagpur market. The prices have fallen down by 10 to 15 rupees.

HOUSING PROJECTS FOR D.P.s

Mr. Shahani's Plea To Government

BOMBAY, Thursday: Mr. K. K. Shahani, Honorary General Secretary of the Sindhi Panchayats' Federation, Bombay, in a statement to the press says: Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay has recently made it public that the Government intends to execute house-building projects for displaced persons estimated to cost Rs. 4 to 5 crores and that it is proposed to set apart Rs. 75 lakhs for the promotion of private enterprise of house-building by grant of loans to co-operative societies and individuals.

"We wish to place before the authorities the fact that over 70 per cent of the displaced persons are residing outside the camps in towns and cities proper and suggest that while executing the house-building project this should be taken into consideration. New tenements should be built in cities and towns so that the refugees who have settled down in cities and towns are facilitated.

DEVNAGIRI SCRIPT

Mr. Nanik Motwane, General Secretary of the Sindh Hindu Seva Samiti (Servants of Sindhi Society) in a statement today "emphatically asserted" that "an overwhelming majority of Sindhis do want the Devnagiri script for the Sindhi language".

Mr. Motwane refuted a press report suggesting that Sindhis "are generally opposed to the Devanagiri script".

He had no doubt that Government and the local people "would not be carried away by one sided propaganda of a small section of protagonists of Arabic script."

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, Mutt Might As Well Go The Limit — By BUD FISHER

MUTT—YOU HAVEN'T DANCED WITH ME SINCE WE WERE MARRIED!
O.K., M'LOVE! LET'S DANCE!
WHAT'S THIS NEW DANCE YOU'RE DOIN'?
THIS IS NOT A NEW DANCE! I'M LOSING MY GARTER !!!!
MUTT! LET'S SIT DOWN! YOU'RE STEPPIN' ON MY FEET!
MAYBE I AM A BIT RUSTY AT THAT!
RUSTY?— YOU'VE SIMPLY GOT TO TAKE DANCING LESSONS!
NOTHIN' DOIN'! THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER WAYS I CAN MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF!
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT YOU'VE TRIED ALL OF THOSE!
Fisher

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